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# Kilili: IG report 'very damning'

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan expressed himself puzzled yesterday why Attorney General Edward Buckingham is lashing out at him for criticizing the U.S. Attorney's Office for its decision not to go after those behind the Fitial administration's decision to award a $392,406 sole-source contract to former Commerce secretary Michael Ada's firm.

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## Hotels work to give Chinese travelers comforts of home

By HUGO MARTIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**LOS ANGELES**—At the Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel, the aroma of green tea mixes with the scent of fried crullers and rice porridge at the breakfast buffet.

Such traditional Chinese breakfast items—served alongside American classics like bacon, eggs and coffee—will probably become more common with the anticipated explosion of Chinese visitors to the country over the next few years.

They are part of new efforts unveiled this month by hotel giants Hilton and Starwood to appeal to Chinese visitors to the U.S., whose numbers have more than tripled since 2000 and are expected to triple

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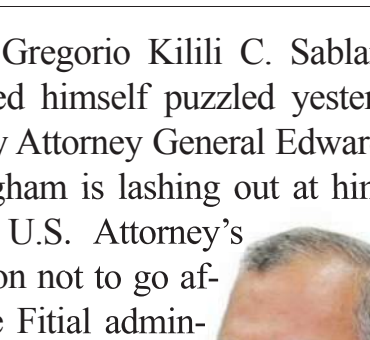
*Actual and projected number of mainland Chinese visitors to the U.S. each year, in millions*

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**BEACH CLEANUP**

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Shirley's Coffee Shop employees, from left, Perfecto Mendeja, Tonio Palma, Nestor Basallo, and Roy Palma carry trash bags during a company cleanup behind the Aquarius Beach Tower in Chalan Kanoa. Some 25 of the restaurant's staff and family members took part in the monthly beach cleanup held on July 11.

## $1.7M reprogrammed for DPH

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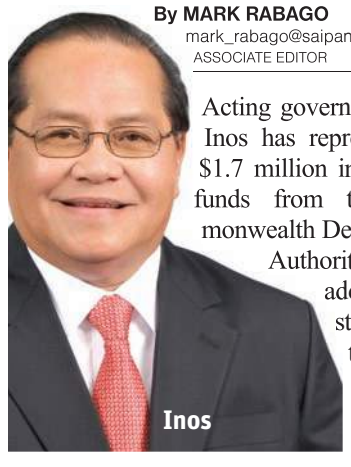

Inos

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos has reprogrammed $1.7 million in available funds from the Commonwealth Development Authority to help address the state of emergency at the Commonwealth Health Center.

"In light of the imminent threat the Commonwealth faces in having to close the doors of its healthcare facilities, I hereby exercise the emergency power to reprogram $1.7 million of unobligated and undisbursed bond earnings and CIP [Capital Improvement Project] repayment balances," said Inos in a July 22 letter to CDA chair Pedro I. Itibus.

The funds were identified in a CDA report as of June 30, 2011.

Inos told Itibus that the reprogrammed funds should be made available to the

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# Local

# Wiseman slams DPS, OAG for lack of standards

## » Case dismissed as prosecution unable to get report from detective who quit

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REPORTER

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman slammed the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General yesterday for their lack of coordination and cooperation in investigating cases.

"It is a complete waste of government resources and expense to have suspect criminals arrested and placed in a judicial prosecutorial process, only to have it all fall apart as a result of an absence of rigid standards of coordination and cooperation to be adhered to with respect to the investigations of DPS and the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office," Wiseman said.

Wiseman expressed disappointment with DPS and the OAG after the government moved to dismiss an "ice" trafficking case against Fu Zhu Lin since the detective handling the case has left the island for a new job and there is difficulty in obtaining his file or report on the case.

"Although the court grants the government's motion to dismiss, it does so regrettably, in view of what it deems to be a systemic problem of a serious magnitude," said Wiseman in a two-page order dismissing Lin's case without prejudice.

Dismissal without prejudice means the the prosecution is allowed to re-file a new case on the same claim in the future.

Without a standard in place at DPS and OAG, Wiseman said that such dismissals will repeat themselves and may compromise the rule of law.

"With this dismissal, which I may add, is not the first to occur for similar reasons, the court hopes to send a strong message to DPS and the OAG that a diligent pursuit should be made to remedy this situation for future practice."

Police said members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and other members of the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau conducted a buy-bust operation against Lin on Oct. 29, 2010, in San Jose, Tinian,

Investigation revealed that Lin was allegedly distributing "ice" out of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, where he was then employed.

Officers allegedly bought $200 worth of "ice" from Lin. The OAG filed on Nov. 3, 2010, an information, charging Lin with trafficking of controlled substance, illegal possession of controlled substance, and resisting arrest.

The jury trial was set for yesterday, April 25, 2011.

The OAG then filed a motion to dismiss the case based on its inability to obtain the necessary investigative and other materials needed for the prosecution of the case.

A prosecutor told the court that the problem lies with DPS in failing to provide the OAG with the items of evidence.

Assistant public defender Richard Miller, counsel for Lin, in his motion to dismiss, asserted that the prosecution has failed to prosecute this case, letting it lie dormant almost from the time they brought the information eight months ago.

Miller said that, on Nov. 5, 2010, on behalf of his client, he made a general discovery request, asking for any statements or criminal record of Lin, notice of intent to use other-acts evidence, documents and tangible objects, disclosure of experts and scientific evidence, names and contact information of government witnesses, and tape recordings.

Miller said the prosecution provided 10 pages of discovery, but two pages are merely an extra copy of the information and the remaining eight pages are a two-page "synopsis" of the investigation, a one-page "arrest report," a two-page "surveillance report," and three pages of identity cards and papers purportedly belonging to Lin.

The defense lawyer said that on Jan. 27, 2011, he sent the prosecutor an 11-point request for additional specific discovery. The points included, among other things, the names and contact information of the two confidential sources, lab test results and related documentation, chain of custody on any contraband evidence, and complete information on the identification procedures used in this case.

Miller said the prosecution did not respond.

"Mr. Lin cannot prepare a complete defense without these disclosures. With respect to identification procedures, disclosure is needed to protect Mr. Lin's constitutional due process rights through an appropriate motion to suppress based on inadequate or suggestive procedures," Miller said.

## *...and dismisses case vs man nabbed for Nevada theft case*

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has vacated all the hearings in the case against a man who was recently arrested by federal agents based upon an arrest warrant from the State of Nevada for a felony theft case.

Wiseman issue the order in Ka Cheong Ip's case after the Office of the Attorney General moved to dismiss the proceedings, vacate bail order, exonerate bail, and vacate the hearing.

In the government's unopposed motion, chief prosecutor Michael L. Ernest said the 57-year-old Ip attempted to enter the U.S. and was taken into custody pursuant to a warrant issued on Aug. 28, 2003, by the Justice Court in Las Vegas Township, Clark County Nevada.

Ernest said the matter was transferred by the federal immigration/border protection to the CNMI and Ip was brought before the Superior Court on July 12, 2011.

During that hearing, Wiseman found probable cause to justify Ip's arrest but allowed him to deposit $5,000 cash with an unsecured bond of $45,000 for his temporary release.

Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's general manager Tom Liu acted as third-party custodian for Ip.

Ernest said that on July 15, 2011, the Office of the Attorney General received a fax from the Clark County District Attorney's Office stating that they would "begin formal extradition proceedings to obtain a governor's warrant."

Ernest said that Ip, however, resolved the debt dispute that was the basis for the arrest warrant.

The chief prosecutor said that, on July 16, 2011, the OAG received another fax stating that "the Clark County District Attorney's Office will not extradite Ip back to Nevada. Please release our fugitive hold."

Ernest said that on that same day, he spoke with attorney G. Anthony Long, counsel for Ip, and that Long has no objection to his motion. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

**THE TASTE OF THE MARIANAS** MVA

Popular Russian television host Mikhail Shirvindt, center in orange, samples a mango and other local produce on Rota during the filming of Russian television show Hochu Znat' in the Northern Mariana Islands in July 2011. The show will feature Saipan, Tinian and Rota over a period of a year beginning in September 2011 to over 250-million viewers worldwide. Pictured from left are cameraman Shpiz Ilya, editor/producer Elena Igolinskay, Shirvindt, Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Tatiana Babauta, and director Maria Stremina.

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**"All My Love" Sitcom**

Korea's MBC TV sitcom "All My Love" recently filmed in the Northern Marianas, bringing an estimated $4.3-million in media exposure for this beach resort destination.

The media visit, supported by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), Asiana Airlines, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan, targets women ages 30-40 and teenagers. "All My Love" is the story of two families based on the traditional Korean Cinderella folktale "Konghi and Patji." The theme for the Saipan episode was family travel to Saipan and a new love story between the characters during the trip.

The 30-minute show airs weeknights on MBC, one of the three major network TV channels in Korea. The media tour was supported by the MVA to expose the island to mass Korean TV viewers as a leisure destination and to enhance awareness of the islands using top celebrities.

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# Medical referral program owes vendors, providers nearly $2M

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Even though the number of referrals has dropped by 60 percent, the CNMI Medical Referral Program still owes its vendors and providers close to $2 million, according to medical referral director Ron Sablan on Friday.

At a meeting called by the Senate Standing Committee for Health and Welfare to address the state of emergency at the Commonwealth Health Center, Sablan said the cash shortage of the local referral program has become so untenable that he has become used to dealing with frustrated vendors and providers.

"I go through this exercise every two weeks of dealing with providers and trying to pacify them. Every two weeks I have to deal with whether I have airline tickets for patients waiting for referral. Then we have to cancel appointments of patients that have been confirmed two weeks ago because we don't have tickets. It takes time again to reschedule," he said.

Sablan said the medical referral program's arrears were at $1.8 million as of June 22.

"The number of referrals has dropped as much as 60 percent. But bills are still coming in. We have 200 patients waiting to be referred. Sometimes we get blamed for not sending patients on time," he said.

Cash flow remains the program's biggest problem, Sablan said.

"A lot depends on cash availability. Sometimes I get called and get cussed at. It's all about the cash-flow issue. The secretary of Finance is trying her best to try and cope with us," he said.

Responding to Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz's (R-Saipan) question whether the program sends out patients who have no chances of survival, Sablan said the program cannot by itself determine whether a patient could be saved by being referred or not. He said their responsibility is to make arrangements for patients who need off-island treatment.

"Once a case is reviewed and approved by a committee, we send a patient when an appointment is confirmed. Our responsibility is to be able to assess which patients need to be sent out that cannot be provided services here on Saipan. Unfortunately we're restricted by certain issues like the availability of providers where we can send patients to or ability to provide airline tickets or subsistence allowance for patients that we need to send out. We don't want to send out patients and they'll be stranded out there. We need to make sure funding is available before we send out patients," he said.

**IMPASSIONED PLEA** MARK RABAGO

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) makes an impassioned plea to colleagues to donate part of their discretionary funds to raise the $500,000 the Commonwealth Health Center immediately needs to pay vendors of critical supplies and services during last Friday's meeting to address the emergency declaration at CHC.

IN EXCHANGE FOR DISMISSAL OF CASE

## Navy officer pays DPS $814, donates $686 to general fund

The Superior Court has agreed to dismiss a criminal case filed against an enlisted U.S. Navy officer, who paid $814 in restitution to the Department of Public Safety for the repair of a damaged police car and donated $686 to the CNMI general fund.

Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja granted the government's motion to dismiss with prejudice the case against Paul Mosio Mitchell. Dismissal with prejudice means the case cannot be re-opened.

Mitchell posted a $1,500 bail in May.

In his order issued last week, Naraja granted Mitchell's request that $814 of his bail be applied as restitution to DPS and the remaining $686 be given to the Commonwealth's general fund.

Assistant attorney general Peter B. Prestley, in the government's motion to dismiss and exonerate bail, said the defendant is enlisted in the U.S. Navy and is currently deployed, although his exact location is unknown at this time.

Prestley said Mitchell is not expected to return to the CNMI.

"After posting bail, however, Mitchell took responsibility for his actions and, along with his superior officers, cooperated with the Office of the Attorney General in giving a full statement and agreeing to pay restitution," the prosecutor said.

Mitchell, Prestley said, has been in contact with the OAG via email to ensure restitution is paid.

When Mitchell was taken before the court in May, the OAG requested to take the matter off-calendar as the matter is being addressed and dealt with in the military tribunal.

Naraja then decided to postpone the hearing to Aug. 1, 2011.

No details were indicated in court files why Mitchell was arrested and how he caused damage to the police car. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

## Rota Resort granted conditional casino license

The Rota Gaming Commission granted a conditional license to Rota Resort & Country Club on July 15, allowing the company to operate a casino in its premises.

Rota Gaming Commission chair Laura Maria I. Manglona informed Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) in a letter of the commission's decision to grant a conditional license to SNM Corp. (Rota Resort).

SNM Corp. earlier paid a $150,000 investigation fee to the Rota Casino Gaming Commission as part of their application for a license to operate a casino in the first senatorial district.

Manglona also updated Ayuyu on the operations of Rota Treasure Island Corp. and said the company's operations is "temporarily on hold and is in the process of procuring more funding as they have operated the casino in deficit and has financial obligations before they can continue their operation."

She said it is the Rota Gaming Commission's hope that Rota Treasure Island can secure the necessary funding and resolve its obligations.

Rota Treasure Island has been temporarily closed since March 25. The company earlier said it hoped to reopen if and when it successfully gets clients from Japan, Guam, and Saipan, among other things.

The casino operation, which is at the Rota Hotel, is the only holder of a license to operate a casino on Rota, albeit a temporary one at this time.

Rota Treasure Island Corp. had expected a surge of players in March and April but because of the March 11 Japan quake and tsunami, their expected casino players from Japan either postponed or cancelled their trip to Rota. A charter flight from Japan to Rota was also cancelled after the Japan disasters.

Unlike Saipan voters, Rota and Tinian voters approved casino gambling on their islands. ***(Mark Rabago)***

## Tropical disturbance to bring heavy rains to Rota

Rota will experience heavy rains until Friday as a tropical disturbance has been intensifying since yesterday southwest of Chuuk.

The National Weather Service in Guam urged residents of Rota and Guam yesterday to closely monitor the progress of this tropical disturbance since a deviation to the right of the anticipated track could still bring damaging winds to the Mariana Islands later this week.

As of yesterday afternoon, the tropical disturbance was not expected to track near or over the Mariana Islands, but it is expected to produce some periods of heavy rain, gusty winds, rough seas, and high surf for Rota and Guam.

The weather agency said that the system is expected to intensify into a tropical depression in the next 12 to 24 hours.

As of 4pm yesterday, the center of the tropical depression was 205 miles west-southwest of the Chuuk Lagoon, 610 miles south-southeast of Rota, 660 miles south-southeast of Saipan, and 585 miles south-southeast of Guam. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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## HOTELS

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again by 2015.

Both Hilton Hotels & Resorts and Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide plan to provide Chinese guests at participating hotels with at least one employee who speaks Chinese, a tea kettle and slippers in each room and traditional Chinese breakfast items, such as rice porridge, known as congee. And, of course, chopsticks will be offered alongside spoons and forks.

Both chains plan to debut the efforts at popular destination cities for Chinese visitors, with Los Angeles ranking as the second most popular travel stop for Chinese tourists behind New York, according to a recent survey of foreign visitors.

"All nationalities like to explore, but they like a little of the familiar," said Andrew Flack, vice president for global brand marketing for McLean, Va.-based Hilton Hotels & Resorts. "For a Chinese guest, it's no different."

The offerings are unusual for large, international hotel chains but not for independent, boutique hotels located in heavily ethnic neighborhoods like Chinatown and Little Tokyo in Los Angeles.

Chinese travelers not only are the fastest-growing foreign group visiting the U.S., but they also are among the biggest spenders. Chinese visitors last year spent an average of $6,243 per person per visit, including airfare, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

Chester Chong, president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, praised the plan to provide interpreters at the hotels, saying Chinese businessmen often visit the U.S. nervous about overcoming the language barrier. "It's very, very smart," he said of the hotels' plans.

Both hotel chains' programs include the breakfast food, slippers and tea kettles. The Hilton hotels will also offer welcome letters in Chinese and will make sure the television sets in the room include Chinese language channels. Flack said the idea for the program came from suggestions made by Chinese hotel guests, including those at 17 Hilton properties in China.

At the Starwood hotels, Chinese guests also get a packet of local area information for shopping and sightseeing translated into Chinese.

The Starwood program, called Starwood Personalized Travel, has been launched at 19 hotels around the world including the St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, where the number of Chinese visitors in 2010 was up 140 percent from the previous year, according to the hotel chain.

For Starwood, which has 1,051 hotels worldwide, China has become the fastest-growing hotel market. The company operates 75 hotels in China and has nearly 100 more under construction, with new hotel openings scheduled every two weeks in China throughout 2011.

To become more familiar with the culture, Starwood's Chief Executive Frits van Paasschen and other top executives of the company recently completed a one-month stay in Shanghai.

"Just as our hotels in China have historically catered to American and European travelers with familiar amenities from home, now our hotels globally will provide the same services to Chinese travelers," Van Paasschen said in a statement.

The Hilton program, dubbed Hilton Huanying—Chinese for "welcome"—is being launched at 43 of the Hilton brand's 540 hotels and at four other affiliated hotels, starting Aug. 16. The hotels include the Hilton Los Angeles Airport and the Hilton Anaheim.

Early this year, the program was tested for three months at three hotels including the Hilton Los Angeles/San Gabriel, where the program continues. About 30 percent to 40 percent of the guests are Chinese visitors, said Carl Bolte, the hotel's general manager.

So far, he said, the food, slippers and other extras have won favorable reviews from Chinese guests.

"This will definitely draw more tourists from China," said Tan Yejun, a businessman from Shandong who was at the Hilton hotel in San Gabriel two weeks ago to consider investment opportunities in Southern California. He said the most difficult part about visiting the U.S. is finding locals who speak Chinese.

## *Now seeking Chinese cash , er, tourists*

By JOHN M. GLIONNA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

**SEOUL, South Korea**—The young Chinese tourist stood amid the hustle and bustle of this city's Myongdong shopping district and marveled. As a citizen of the globe's most populous nation, with its ancient culture, she could shrug at the teeming crowds and jaw-dropping historic relics.

But she'd never seen anything like this.

"The skin care products," whispered Li Wenqing. "They're so cheap."

In a region of longtime political rivalries and heavy diplomatic baggage, South Korea and Japan are making a move many critics say is based purely on economics.

The two nations are opening their doors, and cash registers, to China and its growing middle class.

Yielding to the prospect of millions of Chinese travelers with newfound buying power and an appetite for brand-name goods, South Korea and Japan in July eased visa restrictions for visitors from the staunchly communist country.

South Korea is hungry for tourism, and Japan's economy remains sluggish, while China's robust economic growth has allowed more of its people to consider foreign travel. Now both smaller Asian nations are competing for visitors from their colossal neighbor, whose influence they have long shunned.

"We're the closest foreign country to China's coast regions, considered a place where lots of rich Chinese live," said Jin Jong-hwa, a senior official at the Korea Tourism Organization's newly established China unit. "For them, South Korea is just an hour and a half away. With the new (visa) policies, now all they have to do is buy a flight ticket and visit whenever they want."

Not to be outdone, Japanese officials say they have what Chinese tourists want: luxury electronic items.

"They demand high-quality electronics," said Koichi Ueno, an official in the international unit of the government-run Japan Tourism Agency. "South Korea has good quality, but Japan's is much better."

Under South Korea's new rules, teachers, retirees and graduates of prestigious universities can get multiple-entry visas good for one year. Previously, most Chinese visitors were required to travel in cumbersome tour groups.

In Japan, officials will now issue tourist visas to Chinese who earn more than $8,800 annually, a sharp drop from the previous requirement of $37,000 a year.

Recently, the number of Chinese visitors to both nations has soared. Chinese accounted for nearly 1 in 5 of the tourists in Japan during the first six months of this year. The number of Chinese visitors rose to 1.1 million last year from 350,000 a decade ago, Japanese officials said.

In South Korea, the number of Chinese tourists climbed to 1.2 million in 2009 from 586,000 in 2005. Chinese are also the biggest spenders, shelling out $2,203 per trip, a rate 32 percent higher than the average, Korean officials say.

The new rules will help Chinese nationals working for Korean-owned companies to visit, say officials, who are also discussing a new medical visa system to attract wealthy Chinese patients to high-tech hospitals in Seoul.

South Korea has also created a separate trade-promotion division to increase Chinese investment. Holding the world's largest foreign reserves at nearly $2.5 trillion, China invested $56 billion abroad in 2008, but only $100 million in South Korea, officials here say.

However, many observers acknowledge that more Chinese visitors bring the risk of illegal immigration and crime.

## DPH

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CNMI general fund "in order to prevent the shutdown of critical health services."

Inos then asked the CDA chair to advise Finance Secretary Larissa Larson as soon as the reprogrammed funds have been transferred.

The acting governor was able to reprogram bond earnings and CIP repayment balances from CDA after declaring a state of emergency at CHC late afternoon Thursday. The declaration allowed Inos to suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions and provided him the ability to reprogram available and authorized resources to address the emergency.

Senate Standing Committee on Health and Welfare chair Sen. Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan) said he is thrilled with the acting governor's reprogramming of much needed funds to help CHC get out of emergency.

"I'm ecstatic that the acting governor reprogrammed funds to accommodate the needs of CHC. At least the vendors will be partly paid and medical supplies and reagents would again be supplied to the hospital," he said.

Torres wrote to Inos early Thursday, alerting the acting governor that the CHC laboratory lacks medical supplies and 21 different kinds of reagents necessary for tests such as etoh, carbamazapine, cultures (except blood), and creatinine.

Torres also told Inos that CHC's emergency room lacks physicians necessary to treat emergency patients and those who were available are "incapable of properly diagnosing and treating patients to prevent disability and death because important diagnostic tests such as CBC, cultures, lytes, kidney tests, and heart attack tests are not available at CHC."

The state of emergency declaration at CHC, which also covers the Tinian and Rota health centers, was made because of the "imminent threat of disruption in the delivery of critical healthcare services and its ability to keep the doors open to 'healthcare facilities' due to a severe cash shortage."

This cash shortage, the declaration said, has resulted in arrears in payments to vendors of pharmaceutical, medical, dialysis, and food supplies. A number of vendors have already stopped deliveries to CHC and the Tinian and Rota health centers and many more are threatening to do the same because of the lack of payment.

The shortage of supplies, meanwhile, has resulted in physicians unable to furnish many services that may only be safely furnished by a hospital.

This CHC emergency declaration marks the second time that the hospital was placed under a state of emergency. The first time was in 2009 and only covered the hospital and the Department of Public Health.

## KILILI

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He, however, has an idea why Buckingham is disappointed with the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of the Interior report, which said that Ada's contract may have violated CNMI procurement regulations and local ethics rules.

"I can understand why the attorney general is upset with the Inspector General's report. It's very damning. But I am not going to engage the attorney general in a debate in the press over the content of the report. The report is very clear in detailing who was involved with writing and approving the sole-source contract and what CNMI laws and regulations were violated. Anybody can read the Inspector General's report, which is available online, and reach their own conclusions," he said.

The two-time CNMI delegate to U.S. Congress also made it clear that nobody leaked the IG report to him and that he has no communication whatsoever with Public Auditor Michael Pai regarding the report.

"Let me make two things very clear: First, I got the report on Friday from the Inspector General, just as everyone could when it was posted on the Internet. Second, I have had no communication with the public auditor about the Inspector General's report. So, there is no conspiracy here."

Pai declined to provide a comment, saying the Office of the Public Auditor will be issuing an official statement.

Buckingham had issued a statement on Sunday, criticizing Sablan and Pai and saying that both men "will never miss an opportunity, even without merit, to attack me and the governor."

Sablan said he finds it disturbing that Buckingham would make such "unsubstantiated accusations" in the press.

"The job of the attorney general is not to try people in the newspaper. The attorney general is supposed to assemble evidence and bring cases before a court when the law is broken, as apparently is with this sole-source contract," he said.

Sablan also explained why he made a statement about the Inspector General's report: "This is a federal government report that points to a breach of law in the award of a contract to manage federal funds. As a member of Congress, it is part of my job to have oversight of funds appropriated by Congress and to be sure that those funds are used as they should be."

Beyond that, he said the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act was one of the very first pieces of legislation he voted for as a member of Congress.

"I am proud of that vote. The Recovery Act brought over $100 million to the Commonwealth at a time when we desperately needed it. The Recovery Act created jobs or kept people from being laid off—over 500 people, including 100 teachers at PSS [Public School System]. So to read the Inspector General's report that Recovery Act money was being used for the enrichment of a few, instead of to benefit all the people of the Commonwealth, I know I am not alone in feeling angry about this whole incident," he said.

The *Saipan Tribune* contacted Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan) yesterday and asked for their comments on the issue. Both lawmakers declined interviews about the controversial IG report.

The IG report, which was made available online Saturday in the Interior Department's website, said, among other things, that the CNMI government's sole-source contract with Ada's Integrated Professional Solution "is null and void if the procurement processes or execution fails to comply with CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations."

It said the evidence suggests that the Fitial administration's contract to IPS violated multiple CNMI ethics rules, including provisions against post-employment restrictions, use of office, staff, or employees of public office, restraint on use of public position to obtain private benefit, and negotiating for nongovernment employment.

### WEDDED BLISS

Happy 52nd wedding anniversary to Tatay Pepe and Mama Auring Santos. Your love is sweet and true. You are an ideal couple. Always stay together, and the roads ahead shall shower only happiness. Greetings come from Joanni, Joseph, Brianna Paraiso, and Joshua Santos.

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# Audit: NMC posts $4.5M net loss in fiscal year 2010

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College posted a net operating loss of $5.544 million in fiscal year 2010, based on the latest audit report released by the institution covering last fiscal year.

The report indicates that the college had $10.481 million in operating revenue last fiscal year but incurred total operating expenses worth $15.025 million. This means that NMC did not generate enough revenue from operations to cover all its expenses.

NMC, as a quasi-governmental agency, provides low cost access to higher education for the community and receives subsidies from the CNMI government to fully fund its operation.

NMC also recorded an operating loss of $4.522 million in fiscal year 2009, with just $9.515 million in revenue and $14.038 million in operating expenses.

Both fiscal years' operating losses are a significant increase compared to fiscal year 2008's loss of $3.774 million.

According to the audit conducted by Deloitte & Touche LLC, the college will continue to reflect operating losses until such time that operating revenues are increased substantially and the college no longer has to rely on CNMI appropriations.

According to the audit report, student tuition and fees decreased by $243,354 between fiscal years 2009 and 2010 due to the declining trend in student enrollment since fiscal year 2004. One of the main factors cited in the enrollment decline is the slumping CNMI economy, as people attaining college age are either relocating or joining the workforce or military.

It was reported that a significant portion of college tuition and fees are funded by Pell grants, which increased by $1.1 million last fiscal year due to the state fiscal stabilization fund and other ARRA grants.

NMC relies on tuition and fee revenues for its operation.

Meantime, allocations from the CNMI government for fiscal year 2010 remained consistent with the level of funding received in fiscal year 2009 as a percentage of revenues available for appropriations.

"The CNMI's support of the college has remained consistent in spite of the economic hard times, which the college is appreciative of. This has enabled the college to maintain its current staffing levels as CNMI appropriations primarily funds salaries and benefits," the audit states.

The budget cut implemented by the CNMI government across the board last fiscal year was hard on the college. The report said this is a reflection of the difficult economic conditions in the CNMI. NMC, however, was "fortunate as there were no additional reductions in CNMI support last fiscal year, which helped in maintaining its current staffing levels."

To cope with the drastic reduction in funding from this historically stable revenue source, NMC quickly adjusted its expense levels and reorganized itself to operate within the reduced resource levels. The report states that NMC's cash position remained strong in fiscal year 2010.

Meantime, the college's net assets increased from $14.8 million in fiscal year 2009 to $16.1 million in 2010.

# Feds approve $600K unspent FEMA grant for seaport needs

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has been approved to use an unspent federal grant in fiscal year 2009 for its immediate needs at its seaports, according to executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero.

He said a $600,000 grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the ports authority in fiscal year 2009 was never used within the prescribed period.

At a recent conference in San Francisco sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Deleon Guerrero recommended the use of the unspent FEMA grant for immediate projects at the seaports. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

"This [funding] has been sitting in our books. We can't spend it after 2009 because we have not received any approval to use it. I met with FEMA and the granting agency and they approved CPA's recommendation based on the proposal of how the $600,000 will be used," said Deleon Guerrero.

Using the unused federal monies, CPA was allowed to buy two boat engines and a first responders' vehicle for the ports police.

Deleon Guerrero described the feds' approval as a great help for the agency because it will help alleviate the use of local revenues to purchase these needed ports equipment.

Besides the $600,000 from FEMA, CPA has also been assured of another grant from the Department of Homeland Security amounting to $800,000. Deleon Guerrero said CPA's grant application has already been received by the granting agency and has had initial approval.

The additional funds will be used to buy 110 radios for the ports police and upgrade CPA's communication system.

Deleon Guerrero said the San Francisco conference tackled the proper use of grants provided by DHS.

# 'Marketing is biggest challenge for CNMI's agriculture sector'

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REPORTER

Marketing has been—and remains—the biggest challenge for farmers on the islands, according to Sabalu Market president and agriculture consultant Isidoro Cabrera. This is on top of inadequate funding for the islands' agriculture industry.

Despite the increasing trend of people wanting to get involved in agricultural activities, Cabrera said the desired growth and progress for farmers will not be realized without proper marketing support.

Saipan currently has a little over 90 farmers and ranchers, which is a 10-percent increase from last year's, which was about 70. Tinian has about 35 farmers while there are over 50 on Rota.

"We've seen a significant increase in the number of our farmers and ranchers on the three islands. We also noted the increasing demand for our produce here and off-island. But due to lack of marketing, we still can't export and bring all these produce to where there is demand," Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune*.

He lauded businessman Anthony Pellegrino's plans to open a new cargo airline and a small-scale slaughterhouse to help local farmers and businessmen.

Pellegrino had decided early this year to hold off on the slaughterhouse due to several risk factors. Among these are the availability of pigs, feed costs, and accessibility, shipping expenses, high utility rates, and federal regulations.

The decision came after the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service conducted a livestock survey to determine the feasibility of the slaughterhouse project on Saipan.

According to Cabrera, the slaughterhouse project will now push through but on a smaller scale. Last week, he gave a $50 investment for the project and he encouraged fellow farmers and ranchers to put in their share.

Cabrera said that during last week's farmers' meeting in Lower Base, majority of the more than 30 attendees affirmed their support for the slaughterhouse project.

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# Fund paid $72.3M in benefits to members last fiscal year

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NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees and Fund officials listen to a presentation made Friday by independent auditor J. Scott Magliari & Co., which conducted an exit audit conference Friday noon. Also in attendance were Public Auditor Mike Pai and audit manager Ross Zapanta.

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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund expended $72.3 million in total benefits to members last fiscal year—a 6-percent increase over the amount released in fiscal year 2009.

Based on the Fund's audit report released Friday, the agency issued $68.1 million in total benefit payments in fiscal year 2009, an increase of $4.1 million compared to fiscal year 2010's $72.3 million.

A big bulk of the benefit payments was paid to retirees, amounting to $59.4 million last fiscal year. This is a slight decrease from 2009's $55.7 million. *Saipan Tribune* learned that there were 2,841 retirees last fiscal year.

The next highest benefit payment was for survivors' benefits, which totaled $6.3 million—an increase over the $5.7 million paid out to retirees' survivors in fiscal year 2009. The audit showered that there were 1,439 beneficiaries last fiscal year.

The Fund's total refunds last fiscal year amounted to $4.8 million. This amount was issued to members who opted to withdraw their contributions from the Fund.

Disability benefits totaled $1.7 million during the same period, while death benefits totaled $86,828.

For the ten-year period covering fiscal years 2001 through 2010, the Fund paid out a total of $560.7 million in benefits payments.

In fiscal year 2010, benefit payments amounted to $72.3 million, a bit higher than the $68.1 million issued in 2009. In fiscal year 2008, benefits paid to members and retirees totaled $67.6 million; in 2007, $63.8 million; in 2006, $60.2 million; in 2005, $51.7 million; in 2004, $48.4 million; in 2003, $45.8 million; in 2002, $43 million; and 2001, $39.7 million.

### Members increasing

The number of retirees under the pension program has doubled in the last 10 years, from just 1,461 in fiscal year 2001 to 2,841 in fiscal year 2010.

The audit report indicated that fiscal year 2010's number is a significant increase over fiscal year 2009's 2,152 retirees. This means that between the two fiscal years, about 700 new retirees were added to the list.

In 2008, the Fund had 2,190 retirees; 2007, 2,112 retirees; 2006, 2,007 retirees; 2005, 1,809 retirees; 2004, 1,705 retirees; 2003, 1,598 retirees; 2002, 1,552 retirees; and 2001, 1,461 retirees.

The number of beneficiaries also saw a significant jump in the last 10 years, from 528 members in 2001 to 1,439 in fiscal year 2010. The number of plan members with disabilities also increased, from 57 in 2001 to 154 in 2010.

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## INVITATION FOR BID
**ITB11-GOV-113**

**Emergency Repairs at Tinian Harbor**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Construction for the Emergency Repairs at the Tinian Harbor, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on or after Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the project site. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on August 9, 2011 to Ms. Liz Balajadia, lizb@emchen.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Nerissa.benavente@gmail.com of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB11-GOV-113". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time August 19, 2011. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, August 19, 2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 19, 2011, and must be received no later than August 31, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, September 1, 2011. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on August 19, 2011.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulation Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must posses a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) five hundred dollars ($500.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement & Supply, DOF

## Army Reserve hosts youth enrichment camp

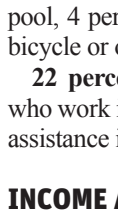
The U.S. Army Reserve is hosting this week an Enrichment Camp, a one week day camp for Army Reserve youth ages 4-12. The camp is for dependents and extended families of Army Reserve soldiers.

The camp is being held at Camp Marianas, Saipan July 25-29. It's an excellent opportunity for children to have fun and make new friends while learning important life skills. The camp includes swimming lessons, go karts, kayaking, snorkeling, volleyball, mountain biking, movie making, horseback riding, ocean safety, golf, field trips, arts and crafts, and more.

On Wednesday, July 27, camp participants will have "Military Day" from 1pm to 3pm. This is a special day in the week as it gives children the chance to reflect on the purpose of participating in the Army Reserve Enrichment Camp. Youth will have the chance to work with soldiers and do a variety of fun activities including, face painting, obstacles courses, MRE tasting, kid friendly boot camp and learn Army songs, among others. ***(PR)***

**BY THE NUMBERS**

## ADA anniversary today




This day, July 26, marks the 21st anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which guarantees equal opportunity for people with disabilities in public accommodations, commercial facilities, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications.

### POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

■ **36 million**: Number of people who have a disability. They represent 12 percent of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

By age —
-- 5 percent of children 5 to 17 have disabilities.
-- 10 percent of people 18 to 64 have disabilities.
-- 37 percent of adults 65 and older have disabilities.

**12.3 percent:** Percentage of females with a disability, compared with 11.6 percent of males.

**18.8 percent**: Percentage of people with a disability in West Virginia, highest of all states. Utah has the lowest with 8.9 percent of its residents reporting a disability.

### SPECIFIC DISABILITIES

**10.2 million**: Number of people who have a hearing difficulty. Of these, 5.8 million are 65 and older.

**6.5 million**: Number of people with a vision difficulty.

**13.5 million**: Number of people 5 and older who have difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions. Of these, 2.1 million are children 5 to 17 years of age.

**19.4 million**: Number of people 5 and older who have difficulty walking or climbing stairs.

### ON THE JOB

**6 percent**: Percentage of disabled workers 16 and older who use public transportation to commute to work. In addition, 70 percent of people with a disability drive alone, 13 percent carpool, 4 percent walk and 3 percent use a taxicab, motorcycle, bicycle or other means.

**22 percent**: Percentage of disabled workers 16 and older who work in the educational services and health care and social assistance industries, the highest of any industry.

### INCOME AND POVERTY

**21 percent**: Percent of the population age 16 and older with a disability that are below the poverty level. Eleven percent of the population age 16 and older without a disability are below the poverty level.

**72 percent**: Percentage of disabled people 16 and older who are not in the labor force. Twenty-seven percent of people without a disability are not in the labor force.

**$18,865**: Median earnings of the population age 16 and older with a disability, this compares with $28,983 for the population without a disability.

### SERVING OUR NATION

**$35.3 billion:** Amount of compensation veterans received for service-connected disabilities in fiscal year 2008.

### EDUCATION

**28 percent**: Percentage of people 25 and older with a disability who have less than a high school graduate education. This compares with 12 percent for those with no disability.

**13 percent:** Percentage of people 25 and older with a disability who have a bachelor's degree or higher. This compares with 31 percent for those with no disability.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau*

# Historian: Three possible Japanese airmen for skull

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HONOLULU** (AP)—The skull found in Pearl Harbor believed to be from a Japanese pilot in the Dec. 7, 1941 attack could belong to one of three airmen who were aboard a torpedo plane that was shot down where the surprising discovery was recently made.

Daniel Martinez, the National Park Service's chief historian for Pearl Harbor, said Friday he and historian Mike Wenger planned to spend the weekend researching the names of the three Japanese men on a Nakajima B5N2 bomber that went down in the area where the skull was discovered during dredging in April.

Forensic scientists with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Oahu are conducting tests to confirm that the skull belongs to one of 55 Japanese airmen killed in the attack. Martinez said the Nakajima B5N2, also known as a Kate bomber, was shot down in the southeast loch of the harbor. That's where an excavation crew in April found the skull during overnight dredging in water between 35 and 40 feet deep. The destroyer USS Bagley was credited with shooting down the aircraft.

"If JPAC determines this is Asian and it has been determined that it fits into the 1941 scenario, JPAC will then have to consider the names we'll submit to them as possible casualties," Martinez said. "We've got it whittled down to three possible crews."

Martinez said he would not disclose the possible names without JPAC's permission. JPAC officials could not immediately be reached Friday.

Researching names of those in three-man torpedo bombers from the Japanese aircraft carrier Kaga will require consulting a report the Japanese government issued after the war, Martinez said.

Archaeologist Jeff Fong of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Pacific told The Associated Press earlier this week that he believes the skull belongs to a Japanese pilot. He said it has been determined not to be from an ancient Hawaiian burial site and the skull was dredged with items from the 1940s, including a Coca-Cola bottle.

They also contacted local police and ruled out the possibility that it's from an active missing person case, said Denise Emsley, public affairs officer for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, which was being inundated with media calls Wednesday about the skull from international news organizations.

The skull was in water between 35 to 40 feet (10 to 12 meters) deep, Don Rochon, public affairs officer for NAVFAC Pacific said Thursday.

The items found with the skull, which was determined not to be from a Native Hawaiian, provided some clues: forks, scraps of metal and a Coca-Cola bottle Fong said researchers have determined was from the 1940s.

AP

In this undated file photo, wreckage identified by the U.S. Navy as a Japanese torpedo plane was salvaged from the bottom of Pearl Harbor following the surprise attack Dec. 7, 1941. An excavation crew recently made a startling discovery at the bottom of Pearl Harbor when it unearthed a skull that archeologists suspect is from a Japanese pilot who died in the historic attack.

Fifty-five Japanese airmen were killed and 29 of their aircraft were shot down in the attack, compared with the 2,400 U.S. service members who died. No Japanese remains have been found at Pearl Harbor since World War II.

Pearl Harbor is home to the USS Arizona Memorial, which sits on top of the battleship that sank during the attack. It still holds the bodies of more than 900 men.

"I think it is important and an interesting find," said Michael Pietrusewsky, professor of anthropology at the University of Hawaii. "It would be interesting because finding the remains of servicemen from that long ago is quite rare."

Pietrusewsky noted that Fong, a former student of his, is one of a handful in Hawaii with expertise in areas including physical and forensic anthropology and excavation of ancient Hawaiian remains.

It was April 1 when items plucked from the water during the overnight dredging were laid to dry. When it was determined a skull was among the dredged items, contractors were ordered to stop the work, Emsley said. "We definitely wanted it to be handled correctly," she said.

"That's why it's been kept quiet. We didn't want to excite people prematurely," she said.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Oahu, charged with identifying Americans who were killed in action but were never brought home, has been asked to determine who the skull belongs to. The cranium was turned over to the command's lab for tests that will include examining dental records and DNA, said John Byrd, the lab's director and a forensic anthropologist.

"We're working on the case but the case is just in the early stages of analysis," he said. "We're not going to know much more about it for a while yet."

The lab is the only accredited Skeletal Identification Laboratory in the United States. JPAC has identified more than 560 Americans since the command was activated in 2003. When more information is gleaned from the skull, other agencies could get involved including the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Japanese Consulate.

JPAC spokesman U.S. Army Maj. Ramon Osorio said forensic archeologists and anthropologists assigned to identify human remains are "working in the blind," meaning they're not given any information about what is believed about the case.

"We want to them to essentially have no prejudice or predisposition about what they think it could be," he said. "It's human nature to want to solve the problem."

The shape of the skull's eye sockets can easily reveal ethnicity, said Lawrence Kobilinsky, professor of forensic science at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Dental records and DNA will only be helpful if there are relatives to compare, he said, or else the skull can remain unidentified.

Daniel Martinez, the National Park Service's chief historian for Pearl Harbor, said experts on Pearl Harbor know enough about the specific location where Japanese planes went down in the attack that they might be able to match the skull with a crewmember.

"They landed in a variety places throughout Pearl Harbor and the island of Oahu," Martinez said. "In the area of Pearl Harbor, we know what plane was shot down and who was in the crew."

Martinez said that beyond the historical significance of the finding, it is a reminder of a life lost.

# Delta Air Lines sponsors TOC hole-in-one prize

The annual Tournament of Champions has a new hole-in one sponsor for the 2011 tournament—Delta Air Lines. This year, A lucky golfer who can put their first shot in Lao Lao Bay Golf and Resort hole No. 3 on the West course will win two Delta Air Lines BusinessElite tickets to anywhere in the U.S. or Canada that Delta Air Lines flies. The tickets include free access to more than 50 Delta SkyClub locations and over 150 partner lounges and other Delta Air Lines BusinessElite perks.

"Delta Air Lines has been a long-time supporter of TOC and wanted to increase our support this year by adding a hole-in-one prize that everyone would love to win," said Christopher A. Concepcion, sales and marketing representative for Delta Air Lines. "We were so proud to be a bigger part of the event."

Since its inception, TOC has given over $500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has most recently been used to improve the tree-lined traffic medians in Chalan Piao, Dandan and Susupe. Funds were also used for the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, and the beautification of the Port-to-Park pathway. Proceeds from this year's TOC will assist in the repair of the Mt. Topochau stairways, railings, and the leveling of the area

Ben Babauta, tournament director of TOC said, "It was great that Delta Air Lines was able to support us with an exciting prize for our hole-in one prize package. I can't wait to see if someone will win it this year."

The 16th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played on Aug. 6 – 7 at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort East and West Course. The cost of the two-day tournament is $175 and includes the banquet on Sunday immediately following the tournament.

For more information and to register, call 236-2511 or www.tocsaipan.com. ***(TOC)***

TOC

From left, Delta Air Lines representatives Christopher A. Concepcion and Esther Sound turn over a symbolic airline ticket to Tournament of Champions organizers Ben Babauta and Jeff Taylor at the Delta check-in counter at the Saipan International Airport. The ticket represents the two Delta Air Lines BusinessElite tickets that the airline company is donating as a hole-in-one prize for the upcoming tournament.

# Broadband mapping townhall meeting today

This is to remind the communities of Garapan, Gualo Rai, Navy Hill, and Puerto Rico that the CNMI Broadband Mapping townhall meeting will be held tonight, July 26, 2011, at the Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria beginning at 6pm. Refreshments will be served.

The CNMI Broadband Mapping is a process of community engagement and community outreach more specifically; geared around listening to local residents about their attitudes towards broadband rather than to explain what the advantages and benefits of broadband are. Our goal is to find out and document what the existing attitudes are and so the emphasis at this point is on listening and learning and to ask residents for their attitudes about broadband Internet, which eventually will lead to mapping our broadband internet in the CNMI.

By listening to residents at these village/town hall gatherings, we'll be able to incorporate your views and opinions into both the survey (house-to-house or phone) questionnaires into the digital inclusion blueprint that we'll submit to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Your attendance and participation at this important meeting will certainly be appreciated.

For more information or for any questions, call Thomas J. Camacho, CNMI Community Liaison, One Economy at 483-6200. ***(PR)***

## SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION

Elvie Tyler, the University of Guam's Sustainability Coordinator, earned her Professional Certificate in Campus Sustainability Leadership on July 15, 2011. Tyler successfully completed all the requirements to earn this certification, which is awarded by the Institute for Global Sustainability at the University of Vermont. Tyler oversees the UOG Green outreach and service program for the University under the Center for Island Sustainability. UOG

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Wet weekend for MIFICPA

The Marianas Institute of CPAs and Accountants, or MIFICPA, will hold an event on Aug. 13 – 14, 2011, called the "Managaha Summer Shower." It will be an overnight outing of fun, laughter, and games to once again celebrate accountants' togetherness and as one solid and professional group. MIFICPA will provide dinner but participants are advised to bring their own camping gear.

Accommodation is limited to 50 accountants on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is already open. For details, contact Aileen Indino at 287-0605 (e-mail aileenindino@yahoo.com) or Noli Santos at 285-6810 (e-mail nolsantos@yahoo.com). ***(PR)***

### NMPASI closed on Friday

The Northern Marianas Protection Advocacy Systems, Inc., more popularly known as NMPASI, will be closed on Friday, July 29, 2011, from 10am to 2pm. ***(PR)***

### Veterans outreach on July 25-29

Tina San Agustin, the Department of Veterans Affairs' legal administrative specialist from Guam and the Northern Marian Islands, will be on Saipan and Tinian from July 26 to 29 for a Veterans Outreach on veterans' federal benefits. She will also be entertaining veterans questions and assisting with claims. Agustin's schedule is a follows:

- July 26-27, 8:30-4:30 on Tinian at the Tinian Municipal Council's office
- July 28-29, 8:30-4:30 on Saipan at the Military/ Veterans Affairs office on Capitol Hill, building 1364. ***(PR)***

### Hopwood grade 6 and 7 open registration

The open registration for seventh and eighth grade levels of Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Jr. High School is ongoing until July 29. Parents and guardians of enrolling students should provide the school with all the necessary documents to avoid any problem in the processing of their child's enrollment. Any new or transfer students must also provide proper documents to prevent any delay in their processing. For more information, contact the school at 237-3422/3395/3421. ***(PR)***

### Air Force, Navy Training on FDM, Warning Area-517

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 26-29 from 6:30am to 8:45pm.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 (W-517) on July 26-27 from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The public—especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—is advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***

# Flashback

## A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### July 26, 2000

**NMIRF asked to recover $127K from ex-CPA officials**

The Public Auditor is asking the NMI Retirement Fund to recover more than $127,000 worth of retirement benefits improperly made to two former officials of the Commonwealth Ports Authority who were found to have inflated their leave and compensatory time credits to get higher pension. Although a series of hearings conducted by CPA's Personnel Affairs Committee insisted the 2,700 compensatory time claimed by the agency's former security chief had a factual basis, OPA maintained these were excessive and warranted. The Public Auditor has also suggested that the matter be referred to the Attorney General's Office should the NMI Retirement Fund encounter problems in the recovery of the $126,730.06 in retirement benefits improperly paid to the two former CPA officials.

**Unused CIP funds eyed for other Saipan projects**

Lawmakers have sought to set aside excess funds from completed capital improvement projects on Saipan for other infrastructure plans on the island under a bill recently passed by the House of Representatives. HB 12-122, or the Capital Improvement Project Act of 2000, seeks to establish a special account for the third senatorial district for any and all CIP funds which will then be used for its future development projects. Offered by Rep. Jesus T. Attao, it will provide reprogramming authority to the governor to shift these unexpended funds for priority projects on Saipan.

### July 26, 2001

**Financial aid for alien students mulled**

Help for Northern Marianas College alien students may be underway, with plans by the NMC administration to set up a financial assistance program eyed to benefit minority students. The college is laying the groundwork for a financial support program to be established for non-US citizens, especially those who have limited means to meet NMC's tuition demands. NMC Institutional Development Director Tony V. Deleon Guerrero said the college is counting on the assistance from various community organizations that are willing to sponsor a nonresident student.

**Senate defies Teno's veto on aviation fuel tax bill**

The Marianas Visitors Authority just got the equivalent of an early Christmas gift, courtesy of the Senate. The Upper Chamber flexed its muscles yesterday by overriding the veto on a bill that would set aside 100 percent of the aviation fuel tax for the MVA to fund the improvement of tourism in the Commonwealth. Besides this, House Bill 12-359 would also mandate the creation of two deputy marketing director positions: one for Rota and one for Tinian. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio earlier vetoed the bill, saying that, much as he would like to approve the measure, he has to abide by the recommendations of the MVA Board, which strongly opposes the creation of the additional positions. The Board believes that this would cause duplicated functions and unnecessary added costs.

### July 26, 2002

**BoS objects to status presentation**

The Bank of Saipan board of directors has aired objections to the court-approved presentations on the bank's current status next week, raising issues of alleged due process violations against the bank owners. Lawyer David A. Mair, in a motion opposing BoS receiver Randall T. Fennell's ex parte request for presentations, called on the court to vacate its July 22 order which scheduled the BoS reportage for July 29 and 30. The bank counsel, in asserting that the receiver's motion should not have been granted, stated that BoS must be timely informed of factual and legal contentions to be advanced by the receiver's contracted financial consultants prior to the presentations.

**Cemetery project remanded to P&S**

The Office of the Public Auditor has taken the side of a construction firm in its argument that it submitted its protest on time in connection with the selection of the winning bidder for the A&E of the CNMI Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. In a decision issued Wednesday, Public Auditor Michael A. Sablan directed that the matter be remanded to the Division of Procurement and Supply for a decision on the merits of the remaining arguments raised by the SSFM (Saipan), Inc. The OPA pointed out that P&S Director Herman Sablan himself acknowledged that his original decision to deny SSFM's protest was incorrect, as he had been misinformed that the Department of Public Works had already decided to award the project to SSFM's competitor, RIM Architects (Guam), Inc.

# Pacific

## Students learn how to do health research in UOG internship

**MANGILAO, Guam**—A select group of nine public high school students have the opportunity to work as paid interns with mentor professors this summer at the University of Guam, thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The students are working full-time for 10 weeks with UOG mentor professors on various health related research projects. In August, students will travel to Bethesda, Maryland to attend the NIDDK STEP-UP Scientific Session and Summer Research Presentations. All students will be expected to present an oral presentation of their research experience. Travel and accommodations are covered by NIDDK.

The purpose of the NIDDK Summer Program is to familiarize high school students with health issues, and inspire them to pursue their degrees in areas that will help reduce the health disparities in their communities.

2011 marks the third year the University of Guam has participated in the NIDDK Pacific Island/Alaska Native Summer Internship Program. The students will earn three college credits for their participation in the program, and their tuition will be covered by NIDDK.

The students who were selected to participate in the program are:

■ Melissa Pillias, Simon Sanchez High School

■ Jannel Banks, Simon Sanchez High School

UOG

High school students are working with University of Guam mentor professors on a variety of health-related research projects, thanks to funding from NIDDK Pacific Island/Alaska Native Summer Internship Program. Pictured from left front row are UOG president Robert Underwood, Anthony Taianao, professor Mohammad Golabi, Francine Cruz, senior vice president Helen Whippy. Second row from left, professor Gaddy Reddy, Kayla Gabrielle Edubalad, and Christian Monda. Third row from left, professor Mari Marutani, Melissa Pillias, Jannel Banks, Jamie Pangelinan, and professor Tim Righetti. Back row from left, assistant vice president John Peterson, professor Jason Biggs, Vincent Medler, and Monique Camacho.

■ Anthony Taianao, Southern High School

■ Monique Nicole Camacho, John F. Kennedy High School

■ Christian Mondia, Southern High School

■ Francine Cruz, Okkodo High School

■ Kayla Gabrielle Edubalad, Southern high School

■ Jamie Pangelinan, John F. Kenney High School

■ Vincent Medler, Simon Sanchez High School

"We couldn't run this program without the participation of our faculty mentors including Drs. Jason Biggs, Mari Marutani, Mohammad Golabi, Jian Yang, Tim Righetti, and Gaddy Reddy," said Helen Whippy, UOG senior vice president of Academic and Student Affairs. "These scientists are teaching the NIDDK interns how to conduct research on topics ranging from sequencing the DNA-barcodes of certain seaweeds to analyzing vitamin C and pH in stored calamansi juice, to name a few."

"These experiences will help familiarize them with research methods and hopefully inspire them to pursue degrees in the sciences," added Dr. John Peterson, UOG assistant vice president of Graduate Studies, Sponsored Programs, and Research.

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases conducts and supports research on many of the most serious diseases affecting public health. The Institute supports much of the clinical research on the diseases of internal medicine and related subspecialty fields, as well as many basic science disciplines. For more information on NIDDK visit http://www2.niddk.nih.gov. ***(UOG)***

## Japan builds children's wing for Tonga hospital

**NUKUALOFA, Tonga** (Matangi Tonga/PIR)—Two new buildings were opened at Niu'eiki Hospital in 'Eua including a Children's Ward and Clinic on July 18, funded by the Government of Japan at a cost of TOP$175,000 pa'anga [US$106,675].

The Japanese Ambassador to Tonga HE Mr Yasuo Takase handed over the keys to the Minister of Health at a ceremony for the commissioning of the new buildings, attended by the Minister of Health Hon 'Uliti Uata and Minister of Finance Hon Sunia Fili at 'Eua.

A spokesperson for the Japanese Embassy in Nuku'alofa said that with the completion of the new buildings the hospital can now put children in a separate and safer ward.

Patients suffering from non-communicable diseases will also have a separate ward so that patients can benefit from better consultations and treatment.

In March 2009, Japan formalised its assistance to Niu'eiki and committed the $175,000 for the construction of the buildings under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security (GGP).

Japan in its ongoing commitment towards assisting Tonga supports efforts by the people and the Government of Tonga to ensure basic human needs and achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

## PACIFIC BRIEFS

### Growing crocodile population worries Solomons

**MELBOURNE, Australia** (Radio Australia/PIR)—the Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries says it will call a meeting with the Environment Ministry to discuss the country's growing crocodile population. The crocodiles are an increasing threat to livelihoods and in some cases lives. The numbers of crocodiles in Solomon Islands started to increase after the trade in crocodile skin was banned in the country in the 1980s. The situation has become more challenging after the country became gun-free with the deployment of the Regional Assistance Mission in 2003. Dr Christian Ramofafia, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, says the crocodile problem needs to be dealt with by relevant government authorities. "I agree it's a huge problem and also a difficult issue to address at this time," he said.

### Fishing boat stuck on Tutuila reef

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—Rescuers were hoping that a fishing vessel that ran aground a reef off American Samoa's main island of Tutuila could free itself at high tide this morning. But this has turned out to be wishful thinking. The fishing boat, Inja, is still stuck on the reef. Lt. Steven Caskey, head of the local Coast Guard unit, says efforts are being made to pump out the vessel's fuel and remove other contents so that it can refloat on this evening's high tide. The boat has about three tons of fish on board. Caskey says if that doesn't work they will have to tow the boat off the reef. The captain and 7 crew members were not injured in the grounding. The boat lost its engine while returning to Pago Pago from a fishing trip.

### Air Vanuatu sacks chief executive

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—The Chief Executive Officer of Air Vanuatu, Joseph Laloyer, has been dumped by the company's board of directors. The *Daily Post* says Laloyer could have been terminated following the findings of a Commission of Inquiry into allegations that Air Vanuatu planes were allowed to fly during a cyclone. Laloyer says he is surprised at the termination and will appeal against it. He says he has succeeded in reducing the airline's debt significantly. He is reported to have been replaced by chief pilot Peter Fogarty, a member of the commission of inquiry.

### Flights resume between Pago Pago, Manua

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—Inter Island Air resumed flights to Fitiuta Airport in American Samoa's Manu'a Islands yesterday. The airline operated two flights to Fitiuta Airport, one in the morning and another in the afternoon. With the restoration of service, several American Samoa government officials who were on Ta'u island for the Manu'a Cession Day celebrations last Saturday were finally able to return home. They'd been stranded on Manu'a when an Inter Island plane developed mechanical problems and was grounded there. The plane made it back to Tutuila yesterday after mechanics and parts were transported to Manu'a on a private fishing boat that the airline chartered. The government inter island vessel, MV Sili, meanwhile is still not cleared to resume service.

### New Zealand humanitarian mission in Tokelau

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—Thirty New Zealand military personnel are in Tokelau providing assistance under the Defense Force's ongoing Exercise Tropic Twilight. This is a commitment to disaster relief in the South Pacific and in Tokelau involves engineering, medical, dental and environmental health personnel. They are providing medical and dental training, education on sanitation, testing of public drinking water sources and completing minor engineering projects. A detachment from the Naval Maritime Survey Team is also undertaking hydrographic surveys of the reefs. The senior officer, Lt. Cdr. Simon Rooke, said that Exercise Tropic Twilight enables the Defense Force to continue to improve its response capability and develop relationships with its Pacific partners.

### Military defector wants forum to intervene in Fiji

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—Fiji's pro-democracy movement is lobbying Pacific Islands Forum countries about the need for further intervention in Fiji. The former army Colonel Tevita Mara is in New Zealand for five days of meetings with Fiji pro-democracy groups, and has also met with senior foreign affairs officials. He will return to Tonga on Monday, and then travel to Samoa. Colonel Mara says he can not understand why Fiji is still the chair of the Melanesian Spearhead Group, and he will be talking to other Forum countries. "Just highlighting the issues in Fiji. I know they are not fully aware of the reality of what is happening in Fiji. And also the need for them to get together and discuss a consolidated and concerted effort to bringing back democratic change in Fiji. Since we're coming up to the forum islands meeting in September."

### China warns Vanuatu to toe party line

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand** (RNZI/PIR)—The Chinese Ambassador to Vanuatu has warned that if Vanuatu's Minister of Foreign Affairs insists on recognizing Taiwan, it will damage relations between the two countries. Cheng Shuping says he hopes that the Vanuatu government will stop the minister, because the move would breach the One China Policy that Vanuatu has signed with China. The Minister's letter to "demand" around $30 million from Beijing to balance the country's budget shortfall is understood to have embarrassed the Vanuatu government.

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## Time to fix our broken immigration system

**By GLENN HUTCHINSON**
THE PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

Immigration is dividing America.

Some states want to be the next Arizona, while others want to go in a very different direction.

In the South, the outlook is bleak for undocumented immigrants.

Alabama recently passed a law similar to Arizona's SB 1070. Come Sept. 1, if you get stopped by the Alabama police and look "illegal," you better have papers on you.

In Georgia, give a ride to an undocumented immigrant and you could get a $1,000 fine and jail time.

South Carolina has banned all undocumented students from its universities, while North Carolina is considering passing a law like Alabama's that requires all children to show birth certificates before they can go to elementary school.

Other states are taking quite another path.

New York and Illinois have stopped their participation in the controversial deportation program, Secure Communities.

Maryland has joined California and Washington and eight others to become the 11th state to give undocumented students in-state tuition.

So an undocumented immigrant can get in-state tuition in Baltimore, but can't even get through the classroom door in Charleston, S.C.

These differences show how complex the issue really is.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a case that challenged in-state tuition for undocumented students in California. But the court ruled in favor of an Arizona law requiring employers to use the E-verify system to check the citizenship status of employees.

Congress needs to unify our country and pass meaningful immigration reform. We need to stop such inconsistencies in our laws.

Our same federal government that puts an undocumented college student, Jessica Colotl, in a detention center for 37 days also issues tax ID numbers so undocumented immigrants can pay taxes.

It's up to us as a nation to unify and reform a broken system.

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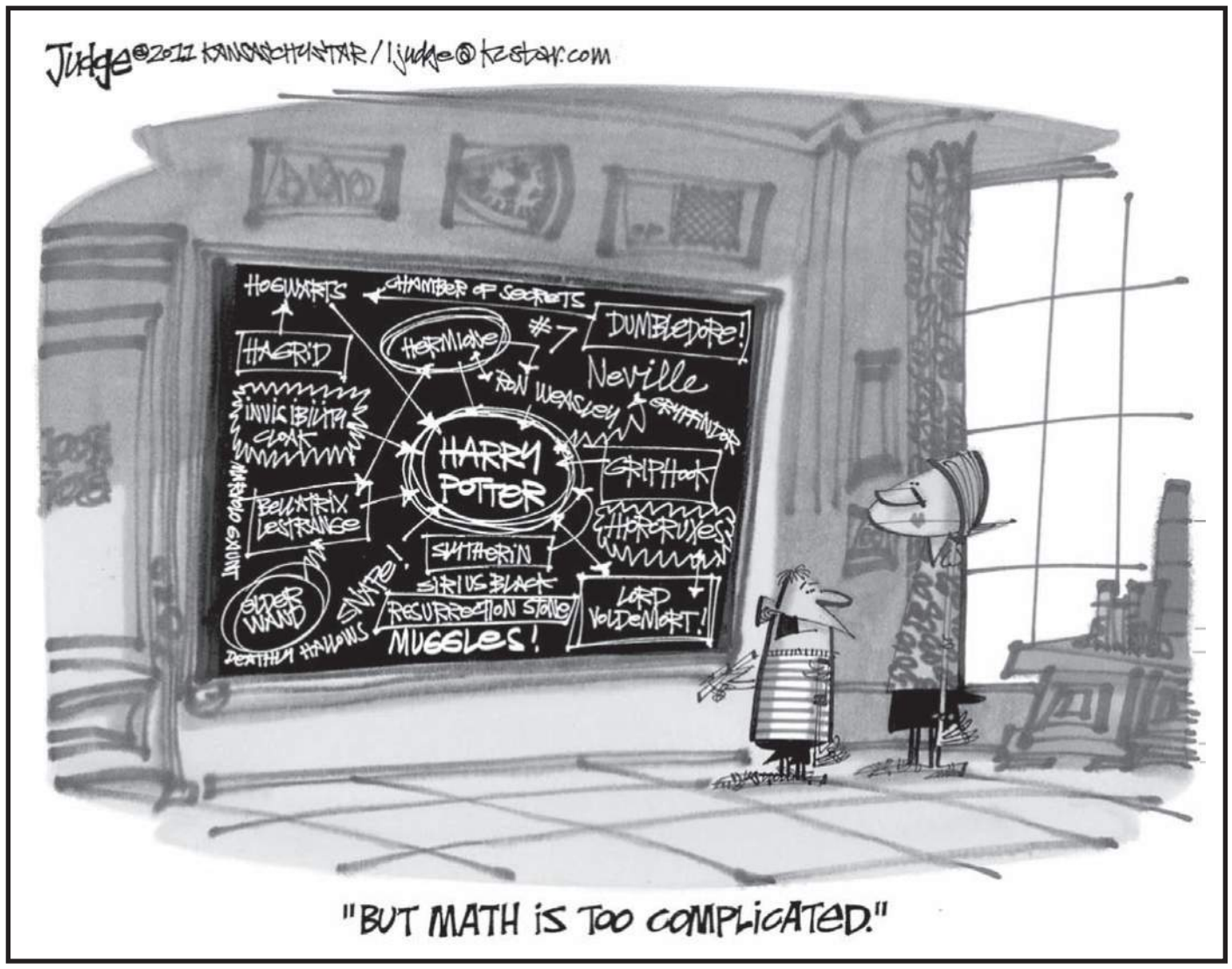


## Ming dynasty in the Year of the Yao

**By JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I turn double-six 60 days before Yao Ming turns 31 in September, but he is retiring as a professional basketball player for the Houston Rockets, with thickly lined dollar-denominated pockets while I teach Oral English to rocket ship designers and engineers at Shenyang Aerospace University on Renminbi stipend appropriate for the mendicant monks of Caesaria! But as the tallest player in the American league, we dare not compare our diminutive 5'4" shrinking stature to the titan of the hoops. An apple does not compare next to a lemon.

Something does not sit well, though. We are 10 quarters short on our SS so we will not receive any retirement benefits from the shrunk and threatened SS of the American economy. Had the CNMI retirement system been in better health, we might have fared better; it sucked what would have been my SS contribution on the promise that the government would add a more generous counterpart. Not. GovCNMI defaulted on contributions before the RF *taga* pillars even started to get shaky. Having to deal with a cervical bone disorder, we withdrew our contribution *sans* a penny from the government counterpart so the whammy was doubly painful.

But this is not about us. It is about basketball. And Yao Ming.

Soccer is the international spectator sport as basketball is the global participation sport. One of my Chinese students called himself "Kobe" for NBA's Bryant, and being a sports paraphernalia endorser, Kobe this week hung out in old Manila town where basketball has taken the glitter of the old *pintakasi*.

Basketball is a national Filipino pastime even if a majority of the population is vertically challenged. And like old cockfight aficionados, some love it more than their spouses, and the intensity of the games and audiences invariably reduce machos to tears and fistfights. If there is anything *Pinoys* might contribute to Chamolinia, and reduce health debilitation from diabetes-prone *taotao tano/taotao tasi,* the showy oval dribble and fancy footwork might just do the trick.

Yao Ming did wonders to basketball in China. OK. The NBA saw a market and moved into it with deliberate speed. Sale of sports paraphernalia initially ordered for the global market from China's factories has since flooded the domestic market; beer consumption (Bud, the Pacific regional beverage, and NBA endorser, now outsells Harbin's Snow in Dong Bei) has risen considerably. Racially conscious Chinese dislike dark skin (being tanned means one manually labors in the field, a China-Japan-Korea dislike), and are afraid of Africans, but that has been somewhat overcome with the prominence of African-American star players in China's media ads.

The tall rebounder for the Houston Rockets had a shaky introduction to the NBA, following Shaquille O'Neal's attempt at humor before they met when he was quoted as saying, "Tell Yao Ming, ching-chong-yang-wah-ah-soh" (*"ching-chong"* is a pejorative term applied to Sino faces, along with the Japanese *"ah soh"*), a meaningless phrase that the media immediately pounced on as racially inappropriate. Yao Ming comported himself throughout all the taunts in statesman-like composure, endearing himself to his fans and co-players. He leaves the Rockets well respected, if not loved.

I remember Texas '71 working in a summer camp for inner city kids under the auspices of the Highland Park UMC next to Southern Methodist U, which at the time had a rather unlikely progressive youth pastor. The Caucasian director did not hesitate to remind staff of our unified effort in dealing with the diversity of clientele and that all would be radically honest in dealing with the advantages of our skins. "Vergara," she would holler on the grounds, "I need your color," when she needed to deal with Mex-Tex participants from the juvenile home.

Yao Ming operated out of a more liberal social context (Houston is to the left of Dallas-Fort Worth, though left in Texas is a relative term) where the pecking order began with the Aryan well-to-do, northern Europeans, southerners and country westerns, then the hillbillies, before the various layers of African-Americans, followed by the Latinos before any Asians. Anyone who dealt with the practices of racism in that period would concede that the actuations of those on the top layer, either in condescension or outright abuse, would be the same treatment afforded layers down the line by subsequent groups. Hitting bottom at the time were the Chinese, bested by Filipinos only because the latter spoke some semblance of English.

Yao Ming, along with the times, would change that pecking order; also, China's relationship to basketball. At each of the dormitory clusters at Shenyang Aerospace University, true also in the other universities, are 20 hoop boards per outdoor court where male and female students daily bounce the rubber. That's a lot of basketball players, and with the improvement on nutrition, native height is hitting the NBA line!

We will continue instructing some of them to speak English. But Yao Ming had already gotten them affixed to the language of the court. We've started them on English songs; now we have to teach them how to properly cuss in English under the hoops, NBA-style! Not.

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# Poop finger

**By JIM RAYPHAND**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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**WARNING**: *What you are about to read is full of poop and contains other crappy language that may be offensive to some. Reader discretion is advised. Views expressed herein are solely that of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of anyone associated with and/or working for NMPASI.*

At home I've been relegated to diaper duty of late—the price I pay for having a strong stomach and a small price to pay for sitting at the head of a table. With an average rate of 10 diaper changes per day, several of which are done at night half asleep, it's not uncommon that I stick my finger in a pile of poop from time to time—inadvertently, of course. I suppose it should be expected that if you handle enough poop in the course of your day-to-day, you're bound to stick your finger in it on occasion. The key then is knowing how to contain it and to wash thoroughly in order to eliminate any odor and to avoid the spread of unwanted grossness. For sure we can't just avoid the poop and hope it goes away on its own. In other words, if there's poop in your house you need to clean it up and dispose of it appropriately and in a timely manner; otherwise, it will fester and become a biohazard for all who live there and anywhere nearby. Given the choice, I'd rather have a poop finger every now and then.

In the workplace, poop doesn't come neatly (or even semi-neatly) packaged in a disposable diaper; in fact it rarely comes in packaged at all. But no doubt, if you work with people, you inevitably will have to face your fair share of poop. Most of the time, you won't even see it coming. Some people drag it around silently on the bottom of their shoes and some carry it in like a chip on their shoulders while others are basically just so full of poop, they'll purge it anywhere, sometimes right in the middle of the office so everyone has to step through it when coming and going. It's a fact of life really and whether you're shoveling it daily or only every once in while, if there's poop in your office, it's best to clean it up every time. The point is: Everyone poops sometimes, so you will face some poop sometimes, but you can't face all the poop all of the time.

We've all heard of the white elephant in the room when there's something that should be said, but people are afraid to say it. Frankly, I'd be more inclined to overlook a white elephant than I would the elephant's brown pile of poop in the room, but that's just me and whether it's an elephant, poop or anything else sitting where it doesn't belong I wouldn't hesitate to point it out. More importantly, I'd try to clean it up…maybe not with my bare hands, but certainly with the right set of tools or a little help from my friends.

Come to think of it, I suppose it makes sense that I and some of my closest friends work for the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI). You see, abuse, neglect, and general discrimination of people with disabilities is about as crappy as it gets and our job is to clean that up. Discrimination too comes in all forms, shapes and sizes—like *taki, paa, pwuse, alow, tae,* and so on—but no matter how small or what kind it is, we still have a duty (no pun intended) to clean it up. Sometimes it's a simple matter of wiping up a little smudge, but other times it's a question of unclogging the entire system's plumbing. Truthfully, whatever the case, none of us at NMPASI will walk away from or stay silent about a pile of poop just so we don't get our fingers dirty. And oftentimes, given the opportunity to show people how to keep a place free from abuse, neglect and discrimination of people with disabilities, we do find that most people would rather and much prefer to live without the poop in the room.

For more on poop—I mean discrimination of people with disabilities, feel free to contact the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] or 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or via the web at www.nmpasi.com.

## Letters to the Editor

# A series of questions on zoning

The departure of the former Zoning administrator makes me wonder whether all the work and input made by this person to the approved zoning policies and subsequent developments would be implemented. On the other hand, I could not understand what Rep. Stanley Torres' idiosyncrasy was all about. I can't say much because I have no clue what the Zoning Office and its board has published on zoning standards and policies. Nevertheless, I know how and why zoning, and land use control laws, are important to present and future development of the limited usable open land areas on the islands.

It is also overwhelming and burdensome to assess what aspects of land use policies are being influenced by public offices such as the Department of Public Lands, DEQ, Coastal Resources Management, Public School System, DPH, Department of Public Safety, and similarly situated agencies, and let's not forget the Governor's Office and Legislature. The problem is that we do not know whether these agencies and elected public offices are coordinating efforts. If this the root of zoning conflicts and obfuscation, then you would see how much effort it would take to keep all big-wigs thinking along one path for "progressive development" of the CNMI people and its control and management of land use.

We need answers from the Zoning Office on many questions. We all must accept that land use is not only for business buildings and residential sprawl. We must consider that animals like humans also have the same rights to exist on this planet. Having that in mind, it is expected that the zoning regulations should work under some defined principles that would pave the path for orderly use of land. These principles should include specific undertaking for consideration of such issues as: wetlands, land mass with critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water, identification of frequently flooded areas, geological hazardous areas such as the recent finding of hot spots of subsurface volcanic conditions, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. If we address all these issues in principle, then we would at least have a general and certain approach for orderly land use and zoning.

Most people would see that controlling and managing growth and development on a limited land areas makes sense. Putting all efforts together with serious deliberations, we should be able to keep a proper perspective and outlook for change and making change to our environment. I raise the following concerns and seek answers from the Zoning Office:

1. Is the Zoning Office focusing on urban growth in high-density populated areas?
2. Is there a need to reduce sprawl in areas that are beginning to tax public infrastructures?
3. Has the Zoning Office make issue of providing efficient transportation and roadways?
4. Is the zoning scheme design to encourage affordable housing?
5. What about sustainable economic development? Has the Zoning Office discussed with Department of Commerce what economic development planning that office has envisioned for the islands? Now that the DOI, Insular Affairs Office is talking economic development for the CNMI, has this office made any suggestions what we need to do on economic development?
6. Zoning does affect public property rights but has the Zoning Office consider what impact it would impose on private landowners?
7. If economic development means encouraging business development, is there a plan in the Zoning Office that takes into account the promotion for natural resource-based industries?
8. Do we have an assessment to retain open space and habitat areas and supporting development of recreational areas and opportunities?
9. How does the Zoning Office envision protecting the environment as a core element in planning and enhancing the input of stakeholders for this purpose?
10. What has the Zoning Office done to encourage inter-island citizen participation and regional coordination on matters being ascertained and studied by this office?
11. Is there a concrete plan for adequate public facilities and services, taking into account the trend in population growth or anticipated reduction of population in the inhabited islands in the CNMI?
12. Has the Zoning Office taken into account the need to preserve important historic resources and landmarks on the islands?
13. Has the Zoning Office made efforts to coordinate actions with the Coastal Resource Management Office and DEQ with respect to shoreline management? Why is it that frequent closures of shoreline areas are common and what is being discussed to curtail and limit the degradation of shorelines and estuaries—conditions affected by runoff from pollution source uphill? We need to know whether this kind of coordinated actions is a part of the Zoning Office's core concern in promulgating its regulations?

As you can see, I barely touched the surface of what I thought are core elements important for zoning planning and enforcement. I have more to ask but let me wait and see what responses we can get from those in the Zoning Office—if it can provide information that we could all understand about what is going on in this office. When the dust settles, we can rest assured that when Mr. Stanley Torres raises wave on the zoning issues, we can somehow fall back to what concrete and sure means the Zoning Office can take to satisfy questions. Rest assured that we will never cease to ask when matters are being handled carelessly by officials who have no bearing that zoning do impact the citizens of the CNMI.

**Francisco R. Agulto**
*Chalan Kanoa, Saipan*

# Today, a hero is laid to rest

As I contemplate what a great man my Uncle Boya was, I cannot help but recall his stories of war. The times his soldiers made him lead because he looked like a North Vietnamese soldier more than an American soldier. How he fell out of a helicopter and broke his back. My favorite was how he was shot in battle, and still bears the scar to prove it. All these stories were very interesting and amusing, but also all life threatening. I came to know him in his twilight years, but caught the most caring and thoughtful Uncle Boya.

Whenever I asked him how he was doing, no matter what pain or medical apparatus he had, he would always smile like the world got brighter with every passing day. Come to think of it, he has always fought wars of kinds throughout his life. However and maybe more remarkable is that he lived it with honor. Honor is a cornerstone of our United States military. It is among the finest qualities of a soldier, a father, and a man. This is evident in Uncle Boya when President Nixon presented him with a plaque so that he can see and feel the gratitude of this country for the good he has done for it.

Another form of war he fought was a personal war. He had a war going on internally with his many complicated conditions and disabilities. I have never met anyone who could take pain like Uncle Boya. He was like a lion in the face of pain, never winced or wept a single tear. After several surgeries and the dreaded heart bypass surgery, he still had it in him to smile and make people feel important. The more I think of it, the more I believe it was because of all the war in his life that made him realize that he needed God. Just like a great hero, his humility allowed him to see this and he jumped at the opportunity. He would be ready for church hours before, and would call me and my wife to hurry up so we were not late for church every Sunday. He always seemed refreshed and re-energized after church on Sundays. We would have family day every Sunday where we would go to the beach, or a restaurant, barbecue or visit the military supply store. He loved Sundays and he loved family.

As his disabilities became more apparent, he offered it up to God. He used a cane but walked with purpose especially when he walked to receive communion. The family had a nickname for him—Tough Sonoda—which usually made him chuckle. Finally he began using an oxygen tank, but it did not stop him from conducting himself honorably. When honor guides a person, they do good unselfish deeds for others. I can only pray that we, the living, can learn from this and apply it to our own lives and ultimately make the lives of those around us better just like Uncle Boya did.

So on this day in the CNMI, a hero is laid to rest in Kaneohe on Oahu Hawaii. It will be done with full military honors. A fitting tribute to a man who did not let war or anything else compromise his honor. As those six guns fire three times, they carry with them echoes of his honor. Jose Arriola Sonoda was a hero! He lived honorably and put himself in harm's way for the sake of Americans everywhere. On July 3, 2011, my wife's birthday, he passed at Tripler Military Hospital in Honolulu Hawaii. He will be missed by his family and friends.

**Thomas M. Thornburgh**
*Gualo Rai, Saipan*

# The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲85° ▼78° | ▲85° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼77° | ▲87° ▼78° | ▲87° ▼78° |

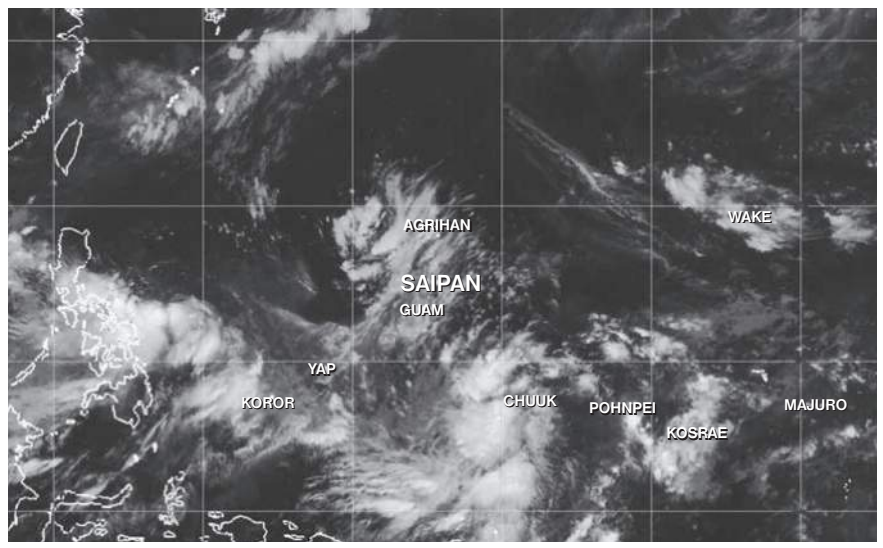
## Micronesia

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | ▲87 | ▼80 |
| Palau | Rain | ▲85 | ▼76 |
| Yap | Rain | ▲84 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Rain | ▲82 | ▼75 |
| Pohnpei | Rain | ▲80 | ▼76 |
| Kosrae | Rain | ▲84 | ▼78 |
| Majuro | Rain | ▲82 | ▼78 |

## Around The Globe

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | ▲57 | ▼50 |
| Beijing | Thundershowers | ▲89 | ▼76 |
| Hong Kong | Thundershowers | ▲90 | ▼81 |
| Honolulu | Sunny | ▲84 | ▼75 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲72 | ▼58 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲77 | ▼62 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼78 |
| Melbourne | Mostly Sunny | ▲58 | ▼40 |
| Miami | Thundershowers | ▲90 | ▼80 |
| New York | Sunny | ▲89 | ▼69 |
| Osaka | Thundershowers | ▲85 | ▼77 |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | ▲70 | ▼57 |
| Pusan | Thundershowers | ▲83 | ▼76 |
| Rome | Thundershowers | ▲80 | ▼64 |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | ▲76 | ▼55 |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | ▲61 | ▼55 |
| Seoul | Thundershowers | ▲82 | ▼75 |
| Tokyo | Thundershowers | ▲86 | ▼76 |
| Washington, DC | Sunny | ▲93 | ▼76 |

## Yesterday's Satellite Image




**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low is centered northwest of Saipan at 18N142E. Upper-level divergence in the vicinity of this low is causing isolated thunderstorms near the Marianas between 11N and 19N from 140E to 147E. A monsoon trough stretches east-southeastward from the central Philippines through circulations centered northwest of Koror at 12N129E and southwest of Chuuk at 5N149E to end at 7N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Koror or west of a line from 12N134E to 7N137E to 5N135E and also near Chuuk but just west of Pohnpei between the equator and 10N from 140E to 157E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers east of Kosrae within 70 miles of a line from 8N166E to 3N165E. Similar weather is taking place in the vicinity of Kwajalein and Majuro to the east of a line from 4N167E to 10N167E. Another upper-level low is centered near 21N165E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present just north of Wake Island between 20N and 23N from 163E to 172E.

## Tides

**Saipan Harbor**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2:31 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.8 Feet |
| 10:24 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.0 Feet |
| 5:49 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.5 Feet |
| 10:10 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.3 Feet |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:58 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:58 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Thursday | 5:58 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Friday | 5:58 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Saturday | 5:59 AM | 6:48 PM |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 1:27 AM | 2:45 PM |
| Wednesday | 2:18 AM | 3:39 PM |
| Thursday | 3:12 AM | 4:33 PM |
| Friday | 4:09 AM | 5:25 PM |
| Saturday | 5:08 AM | 6:15 PM |

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### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily |
| C09313 | 7:55am | 8:45am | 3, 6 |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| 5K382 | 6:00pm | 6:50pm | 2, 5, 7 |
| C09605 | 6:30pm | 7:20pm | Daily |
| C09599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL287 | 6:00am | 8:45am | Daily |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:20pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ606 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ604 | 3:30pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU590 | 4:30am | 7:20am | 2, 6 |
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 5 |

**SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 4 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/701 | 2:20am | 11:25am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/701 | 2:50am | 11:25am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09317/891 | 4:25am | 9:45am | 3, 6 via GUM |
| DL287/173 | 6:00am | 10:15pm | Daily via NRT |
| C09313/933 | 7:55am | 8:40pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| C09603/933 | 3:05pm | 8:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM |
| C09603/893 | 3:05pm | 10:10pm | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| OZ604/703 | 3:20pm | 11:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 ICN |
| OZ604/715 | 3:20pm | 11:30pm | 7 |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:30pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ606/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ606/721 | 2:50am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| C09603/909 | 3:05pm | 9:25pm | 1, 5 via GUM |
| 5K168 | 3:25pm | 6:35pm | 1, 4, 6 |
| OZ604/749 | 3:30pm | 11:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| C09316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| C09596 | 6:35am | 7:25am | 3, 6 |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 |
| 5K389 | 1:35pm | 2:25pm | 1, 4, 6 |
| C09602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| C09604 | 5:10pm | 6:00pm | Daily |
| C09606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily |

**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:05pm | 12:35am+1 | Daily |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ607 | 9:00pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ603 | 9:00am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| OZ605 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ605 | 8:10pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU589 | 8:50pm | 3:30am+1 | 1, 5 |
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 4, 7 |

**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ704/603 | 12:10am | 2:30pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| DL172/288 | 7:45am | 12:35am+1 | Daily via NRT |
| C0890/9606 | 10:55am | 8:50pm | 3, 6 via GUM |
| OZ702/605 | 12:45pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/605 | 12:45pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0892/9596 | 9:55pm | 7:50am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-Palau |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:15pm | 7:25am+1 | 6 via GUM |
| PR110/C09596 | 10:15pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM |
| C0934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 4, 7 via GUM |
| C0934/9596 | 10:55pm | 7:25am+1 | 3, 6 via GUM |
| C0934/9596 | 11:25pm | 7:50am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ724/603 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | 2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN |
| OZ750/603 | 1:00am | 2:20pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN |
| 5K169 | 9:55am | 5:00pm | 2, 5, 7 |
| OZ722/605 | 1:25pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/605 | 1:25pm | 1:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| C0910/9596 | 10:30pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM |

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily |
| **Guam–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily |
| **Rota–Saipan** | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 200 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Rota** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily |
| **Rota–Guam** | | | |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily |
| **Saipan–Tinian** | | | |
| FRE 101 | 6:45 | 6:55 | Daily |
| FRE 103 | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily |
| FRE 105 | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily |
| FRE 107 | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily |
| FRE 109 | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily |
| FRE 111 | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily |

| Airline | ETD | ETA | Frequency |
|---|---|---|---|
| FRE 113 | 11:40 | 11:50 | Daily |
| FRE 115 | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily |
| FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
| **Tinian–Saipan** | | | |
| FRE 102 | 7:05 | 7:15 | Daily |
| FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
| FRE 108 | 9:00 | 9:10 | Daily |
| FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
| FRE 118 | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily |
| FRE 120 | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily |
| FRE 122 | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily |
| FRE 124 | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily |
| FRE 126 | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily |

# Business

# No debt deal yet: GOP, Democrats ready rival plans

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—With bipartisan talks stalled, House Republicans and Senate Democrats readied rival debt-limit emergency fallback plans in hopes of reassuring world financial markets on Monday the U.S. government will avoid an unprecedented default in barely a week.

House Speaker John Boehner summoned rank-and-file conservative lawmakers in a Sunday-afternoon conference call to be ready for compromise that is "going to require some of you to make some sacrifices."

He said the new legislation, expected to be unveiled as early as Monday morning, would cut federal spending, raise the government's borrowing authority and be able to clear both houses of Congress, according to one official familiar with his remarks on the call.

Officials said that plan was likely to provide for an immediate increase in the debt limit of $1 trillion, while making somewhat larger cuts in federal spending. Additional spending reductions and greater borrowing authority would depend on future action by Congress—a two-step process that Obama has ruled out.

Across the Capitol, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid worked on an alternative to cut spending by $2.7 trillion and increase the debt limit by $2.4 trillion—enough to satisfy Obama's demand that the current crisis not recur before the 2012 elections.

Reid said the plan "meets Republicans' two main criteria"—spending cuts greater in size than the increase in borrowing authority and no new revenue.

The events unfolded in a crisis atmosphere—in a sweltering city swarming with summertime tourists—a little more than a week before an Aug. 2 deadline for action by Congress to raise the government's $14.3 trillion debt limit.

Without action by that date, the Treasury will be unable to pay all its bills, possibly triggering a default that could have severe consequences for the U.S. economy and the world's, too.

Officials—and many stockholders—were holding their breath to see how the uncertain situation would affect financial markets in the U.S. and around the world as they opened after the weekend of crisis negotiations. Asian stocks were down early Monday, with Japan's Nikkei 225, China's Shanghai Composite Index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index each losing about 0.6 percent.

AP

Tourists look at the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue as debt talks continue in Washington, on Sunday, July 24, 2011.

## National gas prices up 9 cents in past 2 weeks

**CAMARILLO, Calif.** (AP)—The average U.S. price of a gallon of gasoline has jumped nearly nine cents in the past two weeks.

That's according to the Lundberg Survey of fuel prices, released Sunday, which puts the price of a gallon of regular at $3.70.

Midgrade costs an average of $3.84 a gallon, and premium was at $3.95. Diesel was up about four cents, to $3.99 a gallon.

Of the cities surveyed, Tucson, Ariz., had the nation's lowest average price for gas at $3.28. Chicago had the highest at $4.07.

In California, the lowest average price was $3.69 in Fresno. San Franciscans paid the highest price at $3.83. The average statewide was $3.78, up about a penny.

# The Islamic month of Ramadan and prayer breaks

**Question: I am an observant Muslim and I am obligated by my faith to pray during work hours. My employer does not understand Islam and I am afraid to bring the subject up. What can I do?**

Thank you for the question. This is an especially good time to address this topic as the month of Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, begins on Aug. 1. This month is considered a holy month by those of the Islamic faith, as it is the month when Allah, the Islamic name for God, revealed the first verses of the Qur'an (the Islamic Holy Book) to the Prophet Mohamed in 610 AD. During this month observant Muslims fast throughout the daylight period, going without food or drink from sunrise to sunset, each day of the lunar month. Fasting is required by the Qur'an and is intended to teach Muslims about patience, humility, and spirituality. I will talk a little more about Ramadan later in the article, but let me address the question about prayer first.

My first advice is to not underestimate the understanding and consideration of your employer—especially as the performance of *Salah*, prayer or, more correctly, connection with Allah, does not necessarily have to conflict with work. I recommend that you speak to your supervisor and to your HR Officer about your prayer needs. Good communication is the most important step in resolving any situation, and you won't know how far your employer will go to address your prayer needs until you bring the matter up.

Although I spent eight years in Saudi Arabia and one year in Egypt, I don't consider myself to be an expert on Islam. To make sure that my information was correct, I spoke with the Hafez Maulana (the title of a respected and educated Islamic scholar who has completely memorized the Qur'an) Kamal Hossain, the Imam (worship leader) of the Garapan Mosque, accompanied by Ferdues Alam Bhuyan and Mafijul Islam, who were all very generous with their help and time. Any mistakes in this article, however, are mine, despite my best efforts to be accurate.

Offering *Salah* five times each day is an obligation of the Islamic faith. It is not voluntary and is an ongoing obligation that must be performed every day of the year, not just during the month of Ramadan. However, with the five acts of *Salah* occurring (1) *Fajr*: thirty minutes before sunrise, (2) *Dhuhr*: shortly after noon (from 12:30 to 3pm), (3) *'Asr*: late afternoon (from 4:30 to about 5:45, (4) *Maghrib*: five minutes after sunset, and (5) *Isha*: before retiring for the night (about 8pm), only the midday prayer occurs during the workday for most workers. The *Dhuhr Salah* can usually be performed during the lunch break with the break being arranged to cover the 12:30 to 12:45pm period. Shift workers might require a special break or an adjustment to a meal or rest break to accommodate the time for *Salah*. Prayer times change depending upon the season and the times for sunrise and sunset. For those employers who might not be aware, Friday is the Islamic "day of gathering" for formal services at the mosque, comparable to Sunday services for the Christian faith.

What does an employee need? A clean, quiet place should be provided for prayer, if at all possible. However, if necessary, *Salah* can be performed in the workplace or even outside, in good weather. Access to water for cleansing hands, feet and other parts of the body is also necessary prior to prayer, but sand or even clean earth can replace the water in a ritual act of cleansing, if necessary. Fellow employees should respect and not interrupt a person who is praying. *Salah* is not a lengthy event and usually lasts only 5-10 minutes.

I have been told that many employees hesitate to ask their employers for time-off (if no breaks are given), or for a schedule adjustment, or a place for prayer, for fear of action being taken against them or even losing their jobs. An employee should not have to choose between their religious beliefs and their need for a job. The law provides protections against religious discrimination, harassment or retaliation.

The following is quoted from the EEOC publication *Questions and Answers about the Workplace Rights of Muslims, Arabs, South Asians, and Sikhs under the Equal Employment Opportunity Laws*:

"When an employer's workplace policies interfere with its employee's religious practices, the employee can ask for something called a "reasonable accommodation." A "reasonable accommodation" is a change in a workplace rule or policy to let you engage in a religious practice. Your employer is required to provide you with such an accommodation unless it would impose an undue hardship on the employer's business. This means the employer is not required to provide an accommodation that is too costly or difficult to provide. The key is that you should work closely with your employer in finding an appropriate accommodation." (http:// www.eeoc.gov/facts/backlash-employee.html)

To the employers: I know that most employers will do everything possible to accommodate an employee's religious obligations. If it is not considered possible to do so, the burden would be on the employer to show that the accommodation is too costly or difficult to provide. If the accommodation requires extra time-off beyond normal breaks, the employee can be required to make-up the extra time.

To the employees: As I said before, communicate your needs to your employer. Work with your supervisor and the company HR officer to develop a workable accommodation. If they do not know about the Islamic faith and its requirements, go that extra step and provide them with some information. We live in a wonderful multicultural community. Flexibility and consideration are two of the keys to its success.

## HR MATTERS

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A few more words about the month of Ramadan: fasting during the month of Ramadan and performing *Salah* five times daily are two of the five major tenets or "pillars" of the Islamic faith. They are obligations, not voluntary acts. All adults and children, 12 years of age and older, must fast. Children may be allowed to fast only half day if it becomes difficult for them. Adults who are elderly, hospitalized, mentally or medically unable to fast, pregnant or menstruating women, and nursing mothers may be excused, but must make up the fast at a later date or feed the poor in place of fasting. Ramadan is considered a time for reflecting, believing, and worshiping God. It also teaches Muslims to practice self-discipline, self-control, sacrifice, and empathy for those who are less fortunate and encourages actions of generosity and charity.

Understandably, going without food or drink all day can be difficult. Supervisors should look out for the welfare of their fasting employees, especially if the job is outside or is physically strenuous. Fellow employees should recognize the importance and the hardship of the month of Ramadan to their friends and support them in their fast. Recognize that they may be a little more irritable than usual and might not want to sit down to lunch with them during this period. Really, don't tempt them with a lot of goodies to see if they will cave in. At sunset each day family or friends will gather and will break their fast after the *Maghrib Salah* with the *Iftar* meal.

The lunar month of Ramadan will last 29 days and will end with the holiday of Eid ul-Fitr (the Festival of Breaking the Fast), marking the end of the fasting period and the first day of the new month. On the Eid a special celebration is made. Food is donated to the poor, everyone puts on their best, usually new, clothes, and communal prayers are held in the early morning, followed by feasting and visiting relatives and friends.

The Hafez Maulana said that there are about 400 members of the Islamic faith in the CNMI. I would like to wish each of them *Ramadan Mubarak* (Blessed Ramadan).

# Nation

# 20 injured in 2 separate Seattle shootings

**SEATTLE** (AP)—At least 20 people were injured in two separate, unrelated shootings that took place within hours of each other in Seattle suburbs over the weekend, authorities said.

In the first, 13 people were wounded after a fight erupted into gunfire at a lowrider car show late Saturday afternoon in Kent, about 20 miles south of Seattle, sending spectators ducking for cover and merchants hiding in stores.

About 10 hours later, in the neighboring city of Auburn, police said a jealous husband walked into a casino nightclub with a handgun and opened fire on his estranged wife, her male companion and her two sisters as they danced on the floor. Three others were wounded before the suspect was tackled by a casino security guard as he fled the nightclub, authorities said.

"It's highly unusual that we have multiple shootings, especially this many shootings so close together," said Cmdr. Mike Hirman with the Auburn, Wash., police department. "They're not related, that's for sure, and I don't have any explanation."

No deaths have been reported in either shooting.

"What's unusual is that so many got shot and nobody got killed," said Ralph Fascitelli, board president of Washington CeaseFire, a statewide group that seeks to reduce gun violence. "To have two things back to back, it's a quirk, but I'm not surprised. It's a wakeup call to officials to do more about gun violence in this state. It's very lucky that nobody got killed."

Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg said three women in their 30s and a 29-year-old man were brought to her Seattle facility from the casino. Two were in serious condition and two were satisfactory late Sunday morning, she said. Three other victims taken to Valley Medical Center in Renton suffered minor injuries.

None of the injuries in the car show shooting was life threatening, officials said. Nine people ranging from age 14 to 32 were taken to Harborview Medical Center with injuries to arms, legs, feet and torso from that shooting. Four were treated and released Saturday night, and five people were in satisfactory condition, Gregg said Sunday. Four others were shot, at least two of whom went to other hospitals, the Seattle Times reported.

By late Sunday, no arrests had been made in the car show shootings, said Kent police Sgt. Jarod Kasner. "We're chasing down every lead we have," he said, adding that he is not sure the shooting was gang-related or what started the altercation that lead to the gunfire.

In the casino club shooting, Hirman said a Covington man was expected to be booked into King County Jail Sunday on investigation of attempted homicide. His first court appearance is Monday.

The shooting happened at about 1:30 a.m. at the crowded Club Galaxy inside the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, about 30 miles south of Seattle, police said.

Hirman said the suspect spent several minutes watching his wife, her two sisters and her male dancing partner before deciding to walk onto the dance floor. He then pulled out a gun, shot the man, his wife and his wife's two sisters. He then fired multiple rounds.

"The information I have is that it was just jealousy," Hirman said of the man's motive, adding the couple had not been living together for several months.

He started to flee the club, but a security officer tackled him. The man was taken into custody by a uniformed police officer who was hired to work security at the casino, Hirman said.

"It was pretty loud in there, and everybody was so close together that when the shootings started people ran, and there were two injuries from the crowd trying to get away. It sounds like it was very chaotic in there," Hirman said. Casino security did a great job of getting the scene under control, he said.

None of the victims' names were released.

A man who answered the phone at the casino Sunday declined to comment. The facility is owned and operated by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

Saturday afternoon was also a scene of chaos as gunfire rang out around 4:15 p.m. during a low-rider car show at La Plaza shopping center in Kent. The car show, listed as La Raza low-rider car show on a Latino events website, allowed participants to display vehicles modified to ride low to the ground.

Kent police Sgt. Jarod Kasner said early Sunday that investigators were still determining what caused the physical confrontation to escalate into gunfire.

Adriana Velazco, a manager at a Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant in the shopping center, said she saw two people on the ground after the shooting. "We saw people running all over the place," she said.

**DUNKING BOOTH** AP

In a July 19, 2011 photo, Harry Hosey winds up to throw a ball at the "guilty" target at a Casey Anthony dunking booth at the Bluegrass Fair at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, Ky. Organizers have shut down the booth in which a Casey Anthony lookalike taunted fairgoers to dunk her, citing "growing public sentiment" in deciding to close the game Tuesday.

## Pelosi calls for ethics probe into Wu sex report

**PORTLAND, Ore.** (AP)—House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi Sunday called for an ethics panel investigation of Rep. David Wu following a published allegation that a young woman reported he'd engaged in "aggressive and unwanted sexual behavior."

The Oregon Democrat has been facing calls to resign, but he remained silent Sunday.

In a statement Sunday night, Pelosi asked the "Ethics Committee to initiate an investigation into the allegations against Congressman Wu."

Pelosi had a telephone conversation with Wu Saturday but neither politician disclosed any details.

The Democratic leader says she will send a letter to leaders of the Republican-led House Monday formally asking for the probe.

Wu's spokesman Erik Dorey said he couldn't comment immediately on Pelosi's statement and thatn Wu may make a statement Monday.

Earlier Sunday, Dorey said he couldn't disclose what Wu did during the day or who he might have consulted.

Wu

A Democrat who has challenged Wu in next year's primary, state Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, said Wu should see Pelosi's calls for an ethics investigation as a signal to step down immediately.

"An ethics investigation would result in a long drawn-out distraction and prolong the public pain" for the unidentified woman who has accused Wu, Avakian said through his spokesman, Jake Weigler. "For the sake of our community and this young woman and her family, as well as his own family, David Wu should do the right thing and step aside now."

Another Wu challenger in the Democratic primary, state Rep. Brat Witt, said an ethics investigation is needed so "we get to the bottom of the allegations and determine what the facts are."

Wu's only response so far has been a brief statement late Friday: "This is very serious, and I have absolutely no desire to bring unwanted publicity, attention or stress to a young woman and her family."

Oregon Democrats have been waiting for word on how Wu plans to respond further to the allegation and the resignation calls.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Maid speaks out about alleged DSK hotel attack

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The maid accusing Dominique Strauss-Kahn of assaulting her in a Manhattan hotel room is speaking out publicly for the first time. Nafissatou Diallo tells Newsweek she wants the former IMF leader to go to jail. She alleges he sexually assaulted her while she was working at a Midtown hotel in May. Her photo is on the cover of the magazine. ABC News says it will carry an exclusive broadcast interview with Diallo on three of its programs, starting Monday. She told the network she never wanted to be in the public eye but had no choice, amid questions about her credibility. Lawyers for Strauss-Kahn told ABC that the interview was "an unseemly circus" designed to inflame public opinion.

### 40 injured in Washington state hayride accident

**SEATTLE** (AP)—Authorities say four people were hospitalized and 40 others sustained minor injuries in a hayride accident on Shaw Island. The San Juan County Sheriff's Office says the accident happened Sunday morning when a flatbed trailer carrying about 50 people collided with the tractor that was pulling it and dumped the passengers on the road. Officials say the hayride was part of a weekend retreat by at least two northwest Washington church youth groups at Our Lady of the Rock Monastery on the island. The sheriff's office says in a statement that during the hayride, the tractor and attached trailer were driving downhill when the trailer gained momentum and the tractor jackknifed.

### Wisconsin river boat collision death toll at 4

**LAKE HALLIE, Wis.** (AP)—Officials say a western Wisconsin boat crash killed four people and left a groom-to-be hospitalized. The Chippewa County Sheriff's office says the bodies of two Minnesota men missing since the crash were found Sunday, bringing the death toll to four. A pontoon-like boat carrying six people as part of a pre-wedding celebration collided head-on with a speedboat carrying two people Friday night on the Chippewa River. The crash killed 28-year-old Matthew Overhulser and 50-year-old Mark Michels, both of Eau Claire. Overhulser was part of the wedding party. Michels was driving the speedboat. The bodies of 25-year-old Luke Pohl of Elk River, Minn., and 28-year-old Matthew Simonson of Brooklyn Park, Minn., were found Sunday.

### Baltimore police search for missing baby, sitter

**BALTIMORE** (AP)—A 7-month-old boy and a teenager who was left to briefly watch him have not been seen for days and the baby's mother on Sunday pleaded for her son's safe return. Ki'Yauhn Birch was left in Jonae Boozer's care at the boy's father's home in Baltimore on Friday evening. During a support rally Sunday night, the baby's 20-year-old mother, Whitney McGee, tearfully pleaded, "Put my baby somewhere safe and call somebody. He's probably hungry." The baby's father, Charles Birch, arrived late, saying he had been questioned by police. Birch said he barely knows Boozer, who is a friend of a friend. The girl stopped by his home on the west side of Baltimore and asked for a cigarette. He left her to watch the baby while he went to a store to buy some, he said.

### Teens mauled by bear in Alaska

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** (AP)—Alaska State Troopers say a brown bear that was with her cub attacked teens participating in a survival skills course, badly injuring two in the group. Troopers say the teens were among seven students participating in a 30-day backcountry course by the National Outdoor Leadership School when the attack occurred Saturday night about 120 miles north of Anchorage. They were rescued early Sunday. NOLS spokesman Bruce Palmer says 17-year-old Joshua Berg of New City, N.Y., and 17-year-old Samuel Gottsegen of Denver were the worst injured with bear bite wounds.

### FAA: 3 dead in small plane crash in central Ill.

**RANTOUL, Ill.** (AP)—Three people died in a fiery crash after a single-engine airplane went down shortly after takeoff Sunday in central Illinois, authorities said. The Piper PA 46 was carrying three people when it crashed at the Rantoul Airport about 125 miles southwest of Chicago, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Roland Herwig. He said the plane was destroyed by fire. Authorities were notified of the crash before 10 a.m. Sunday.

# Asia

# NKorean official to go to US for nuclear talks

**BALI, Indonesia** (AP)—A senior North Korean official will visit the United States this week to discuss the possible resumption of long-stalled international negotiations on ending Pyongyang's nuclear programs, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday.

The news that diplomats could be close to reviving six-nation disarmament talks that broke off in 2008 comes after more than a year of animosity and high tension between the rival Koreas and raises hopes in a region on edge. Two attacks Seoul blames on Pyongyang last year killed 50 South Koreans and led to threats of war.

Clinton's invitation for North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan to visit New York follows a crucial meeting Friday between nuclear negotiators from North and South Korea on the sidelines of a regional forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, in Bali. It was the first such meeting since disarmament talks collapsed in 2008, and the envoys agreed to work toward the resumption of six-nation negotiations.

The recent diplomacy comes after more than a year of hardline unity by Washington and Seoul since international investigators said a North Korean torpedo sank a South Korean warship in March of last year, killing 46 sailors. The South demanded the North show regret for the warship sinking and an artillery attack on a front-line South Korean island that killed four in November.

North Korea denies a role in the sinking and says South Korea provoked the island shelling. While refusing to apologize, however, Pyongyang has repeatedly shown a willingness to return to the disarmament talks. The North is seen as needing a diplomatic breakthrough and outside food aid ahead of the 2012 centennial of the birth of the country's founder, Kim Il Sung.

"We are open to talks with North Korea, but we do not intend to reward the North just for returning to the table," Clinton said in a statement announcing Kim Kye Gwan's trip to the U.S. "We will not give them anything new for actions they have already agreed to take. And we have no appetite for pursuing protracted negotiations that will only lead us right back to where we have already been."

The wariness is in line with past U.S. statements that ally Seoul must be satisfied with the North's sincerity before Washington will act.

During Kim's trip, he will meet with a team of U.S. officials to explore his country's commitment to returning to the international talks and taking concrete steps toward disarmament, Clinton said in the statement.

It was unclear what days Kim, the North's former chief nuclear envoy, will visit New York. The announcement follows an earlier meeting between Clinton and the foreign ministers of South Korea and Japan in Bali.

The nuclear negotiations involve the two Koreas, the U.S., China, Japan and Russia.

North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun said in comments released Sunday by the country's state media that the Korean peninsula now stands "on the crossroads of detente and the vicious cycle of escalating tension."

The countries involved, Pak said, must "make the best use of (the) opportunity of dialogue and make a bold decision to settle the fundamental issue."

Diplomats have been eager for the two rivals to ease tensions.

## Toddler found alive in rubble of China train crash

**BEIJING** (AP)—A toddler was rescued about 21 hours after a crash involving two high-speed trains in eastern China killed at least 43 people and injured more than 200 others, state media reported Sunday.

Xinhua News Agency said the unconscious child was found early Sunday evening while rescuers were clearing one of the train cars just as the cleanup efforts were almost completed. It cited an unnamed firefighter.

"When we found him, he could still move his hands," Xinhua quoted the firefighter as saying.

China Central Television first reported that the toddler was a boy, but later said a 4-year-old girl.

The toddler was taken to the hospital and no other details were provided.

A bullet train was traveling south from the Zhejiang provincial capital of Hangzhou on Saturday evening when it lost power in a lightning strike and stalled, before being hit from behind by the second train in Wenzhou city.

Eight more bodies were recovered Sunday from damaged train cars, bringing the death toll to 43, Xinhua said. Two foreigners were among the dead but their nationalities were unclear, said an official surnamed Wang in the Zhejiang provincial emergency office. A total of 211 people were injured, Xinhua said.

The first four cars of the moving train fell about 65 to 100 feet (20 to 30 meters) off the viaduct onto the ground below. One carriage ended up in a vertical position, leaning against the viaduct.

The Ministry of Railways said in a statement that the first four cars of the moving train and the last two of the stalled train derailed. Three railway officials were fired after the crash and would be subject to investigation, Xinhua quoted the ministry as saying. They were identified as Long Jing, head of the Shanghai Railway Bureau; Li Jia, head of the Shanghai railway bureau's committee of the Communist Party of China; and deputy chief of the bureau, He Shengli.

It was the first derailment on China's high-speed rail network since the country launched bullet trains with a top speed of 155 miles (250 kilometers) per hour in 2007, the China Daily reported.

It is an embarrassment for China, which plans to massively expand its bullet train network to link its far-flung regions and show off its rising wealth and technological prowess. It is also trying to sell its trains to Latin America and the Middle East.

Last month, it launched to great fanfare the Beijing-to-Shanghai high-speed line, where trains travel at a maximum speed of 186 miles (300 kilometers) per hour. The speed was cut from the originally planned 217 mph (350 kph) after questions were raised about safety.

In less than four weeks of operation, power outages and other malfunctions have plagued the showcase 820-mile (1,318-kilometer) line. The Railways Ministry has apologized for the problems and said that summer thunderstorms and winds were the cause in some cases.

## Villagers hold memorial in nuke plant's shadow

AP

A monk leads a memorial service for residents from the town of Okuma, inside the contaminated exclusion zone, near the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan, Sunday, July. 24, 2011.

**OKUMA, Japan** (AP)—Under tight government supervision, dozens of villagers from a town where the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant is located ventured deep into an irradiated no-man's land Sunday to hold a belated memorial for friends and relatives killed by Japan's earthquake and tsunami.

They found that their town—evacuated for more than four months—is fast becoming a wilderness.

"There is nothing left but debris and empty streets," said Norio Kimura, a villager who lost his father, wife and a daughter in the disaster.

With no one left behind to care for them, cattle roam the streets. Tall grass has grown out of rice paddies and meadow flowers bloom in farms. Weeds have grown knee-high out of cracks in the streets.

Wearing full-body protective gear and white face masks because of the continued risk of radiation exposure, the families bowed their heads in silence before a shattered public hall as a Buddhist priest chanted sutras and burned incense for the dead. Their village, Okuma, is where four of the crippled nuclear plant's six reactors are located.

The priest also wore a radiation suit underneath his purple robes.

"Many of us are still living in difficult circumstances. We cannot yet even imagine when this crisis will end," said Mayor Toshitsuna Watanabe. "But those of us left behind must carry on. May our dead rest in peace, and may this crisis end soon."

The residents were brought in on government-chartered buses, allowed to stay less than one hour and then screened for radioactive contamination.

Okuma had several thousand residents before the March 11 tsunami, but it has been completely evacuated because of the ongoing crisis at the plant, which has suffered meltdowns, explosions and fires. Though other villages farther away from the plant have held memorials, this is the first time that Okuma residents have been allowed into the 12-mile (20-kilometer) evacuation zone to do so.

All told, about 23,000 died or were left missing across wide swaths of Japan's northeast coastline. Another 80,000 have been forced to evacuate their homes because of the radiation threat from Fukushima Dai-ichi.

Though their village has been deemed unsafe due to the radiation, only 11 Okuma villagers have been confirmed dead and one—Kimura's daughter—is still missing. Search and rescue missions were severely hampered by the dangers of operating near the nuclear plant and most of Okuma's victims were found just recently.

Officials say the situation at the Fukushima plant is improving and has stabilized somewhat. But it remains unclear if villages like Okuma will ever be habitable again.

"I want to return someday," said Kimura. "But I worry about the safety of my family if I did. Realistically, I imagine it will be 10 or 20 years before it will be safe. But I want to come home someday."

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Strong earthquake strikes off Papua New Guinea

**SYDNEY** (AP)—A strong earthquake has struck off the coast of the Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea. There are no immediate reports of damage or injuries and no tsunami alert was issued. The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-6.2 quake struck Monday 46 miles (73 kilometers) south of the town of Kavieng on the island of New Ireland. The earthquake struck at a depth of 21 miles (34 kilometers). The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue a tsunami alert. The Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea lies on the "Ring of Fire"—an arc of earthquake and volcanic zones that stretches around the Pacific Rim and where about 90 percent of the world's quakes occur.

### Suicide bomber kills soldier in NW Pakistan

**DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan** (AP)—A suicide bomber blew himself up at an army checkpoint in northwest Pakistan on Sunday, killing one soldier and wounding two others, officials said. Jawed Marwat, the top government official in South Waziristan, said the attack took place near Model Market in the Chakmalai area of South Waziristan along the Afghan border. Two intelligence officials confirmed the account but said one soldier was killed and seven wounded. They said troops fired at the bomber as he approached on foot. Marwat said the bombing was the second suicide attack in three days.

### Legendary Islamic school ousts reformist leader

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—One of the world's most revered schools of Islamic learning ousted its reformist leader on Sunday just months into his term, after he praised a Hindu nationalist politician loathed by many Muslims in India. Ghulam Mohammed Vastanvi had pledged to update the Darul Uloom seminary's curriculum and rein in hard-line religious edicts when he became vice chancellor in January. But within days he upset conservatives and sparked protests by praising Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi's development policies and reportedly saying Muslims in that western state should move on from the 2002 communal riots that left hundreds dead.

# World

# Norway suspect: Serbia bombing 'tipped the scales'

**OSLO, Norway** (AP)—Anders Behring Breivik said he was a boy when his life's path began to turn. It was during the first Gulf War, when a Muslim friend cheered at reports of missile attacks against American forces.

"I was completely ignorant at the time and apolitical but his total lack of respect for my culture (and Western culture in general) actually sparked my interest and passion for it," the suspect in Norway's bombing and mass shooting wrote in his 1,500-page manifesto.

The 32-year-old Norwegian said it was the NATO bombing of Serbia in 1999 that "tipped the scales" for him because he sympathized with Serbia's crackdown on ethnic Albanian Muslims in Kosovo. A year later he said he realized that what he called the "Islamization of Europe" couldn't be stopped by peaceful means.

Police and Breivik's lawyer says he confessed to, but denied criminal responsibility for, Friday's bombing at government headquarters in Oslo and the mass shooting later that day at an island summer camp organized by the youth wing of the ruling Labor Party. At least 93 people were killed in the attacks.

Breivik's manifesto chronicled events that deepened his contempt for Muslims and "Marxists" he blamed for making Europe multicultural. He suggested his friends didn't even know what he was up to, and comments from several people who had contact with the quiet blond man indicate he was right.

Jack Levin, a professor at Northeastern University who has written a number of books on mass murderers, said the manifesto helps Breivik show himself as more human.

"It makes the killer look like a victim rather than a villain," Levin said. From September 2009 through October 2010, Breivik posted more than 70 times on Dokument.no, a Norwegian site with critical views on Islam and immigration. In one comment, he entertained the idea of a European Tea Party movement.

In December of 2009, Breivik showed up at a meeting organized by the website's staff.

"He was a bit strange. As one could see from his postings, he had obviously read a lot but not really digesting it," said Hans Rustad, the editor of the website.

But Rustad said he "hadn't the faintest idea" about Breivik's murderous plans.

"Other people have the same views on the Net and they don't go out and become mass murderers. So how can you tell?" Rustad told The Associated Press.

In the document Breivik styles himself as a Christian conservative, patriot and nationalist. He looks down on neo-Nazis as "underprivileged racist skinheads with a short temper."

Part of Breivik's manifesto was taken almost word for word from the first few pages of the anti-technology manifesto written by "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski, who is in federal prison for mail bombs that killed three people and injured 23 others across the U.S. from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Breivik did not cite Kaczynski, though he did for many other people whose writings he used.

Breivik changed a Kaczynski screed on leftism and what he considered to be leftists' "feelings of inferiority"—mainly by substituting the words "multiculturalism" or "cultural Marxism" for "leftism."

For instance, Kaczynski wrote: "One of the most widespread manifestations of the craziness of our world is leftism, so a discussion of the psychology of leftism can serve as an introduction to the discussion of the problems of modern society in general."

Breivik's manifesto reads: "One of the most widespread manifestations of the craziness of our world is multiculturalism, so a discussion of the psychology of multiculturalists can serve as an introduction to the discussion of the problems of Western Europe in general."

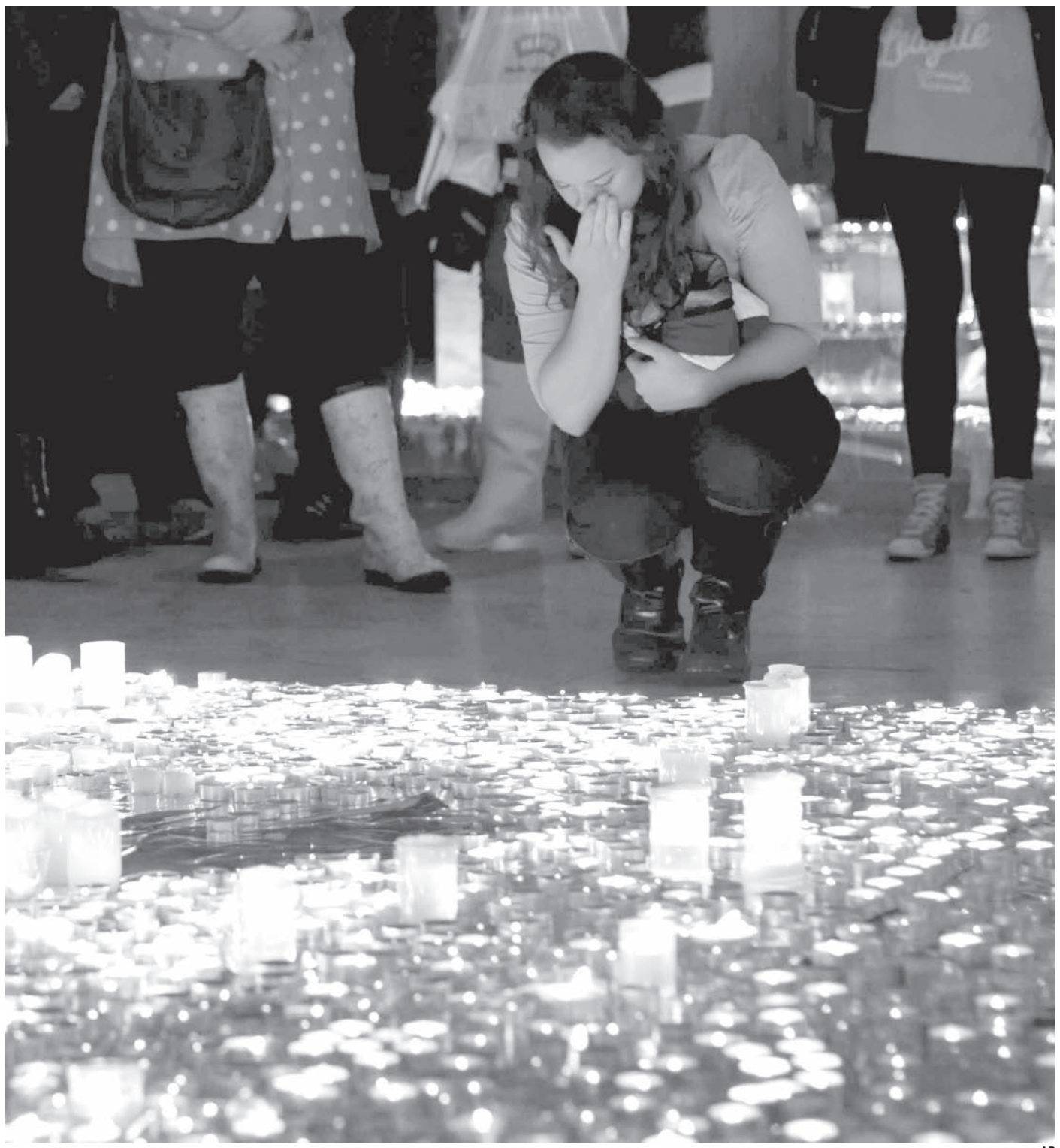
Breivik called his upbringing in a middle-class home in Oslo privileged even though his parents divorced when he was 1 and he lost contact with his father in his teens. His parents split when the family lived in London, where his father, Jens Breivik, was a diplomat at the Norwegian Embassy in London. A spokesman for the embassy, Stein Iversen, confirmed that Jens Breivik was employed at the embassy in the late 1970s, but wouldn't discuss his relationship with the Oslo suspect.

Breivik said both parents supported Norway's center-left Labor Party, which he viewed as infiltrated by Marxists.

His mother won a custody battle, but Breivik said he regularly visited his father and his new wife in France, where they lived, until his father cut off contact when Breivik was 15. The father told Norwegian newspaper VG that they lost touch in 1995, but that it was his son who wanted to cut off contact.

"We've never lived together, but we had some contact in his childhood," the older Breivik, who VG said is now retired in France, was quoted as saying. "When he was young he was an ordinary boy, but reclusive. He wasn't interested in politics at the time."

He learned about Breivik's massacre on the Internet. "I was reading online newspapers and then I suddenly saw his name and picture on the net," he told VG. "It was a shock to find out. I haven't gotten over it yet."



AP

A girl reacts as she looks at candles burning in memory of the victims of the attacks on Norway's government headquarters and an island youth retreat, whilst paying her respects at Oslo Cathedral, Sunday, July 24, 2011.

# Ancient bell found in Jerusalem Old City sewer

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—A tiny golden bell pulled after 2,000 years from an ancient sewer beneath the Old City of Jerusalem was shown Sunday by Israeli archaeologists, who hailed it as a rare find.

The orb half an inch (one centimeter) in diameter has a small loop that appears to have been used to sew it as an ornament onto the clothes of a wealthy resident of the city two millennia ago, archaeologists said.

When Eli Shukron of the Israel Antiquities Authority shook it Sunday, the faint metallic sound was something between a clink and a rattle.

The bell's owner likely "walked in the street, and somehow the golden bell fell from his garment into the drainage channel," Shukron said.

The relic was found last week. Shukron said it was the only such bell to be found in Jerusalem from the Second Temple period, and as such was a "very rare" find. The Second Temple stood from about 515 B.C. until A.D. 70.

The biblical Book of Exodus mentions tiny golden bells sewn onto the hem of the robes of Temple priests, along with decorative pomegranates. The artisans in charge of making the priestly clothes and implements, according to the Bible, "made bells of pure gold, and attached the bells around the hem of the robe between the pomegranates."

It was not know whether this bell was attached to a priestly garment. It is engraved with a pattern of circular channels starting at the top.

The bell was found inside the Old City walls, a few paces from the site of the Jewish Temples—the sacred compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary. The compound is home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the golden-capped Islamic shrine known as the Dome of the Rock.

The excavation of the sewer is part of the City of David excavations in the oldest section of Jerusalem, which lies just outside the current city walls and underneath the Palestinian neighborhood of Silwan. In the past, Palestinians have objected to Israeli excavations in that area.

The sewer, which Jewish rebels are thought to have used to flee the Roman legionnaires who razed Jerusalem and its Temple in A.D. 70, is set to open to the public later this summer.

AP

A gold bell is displayed at the offices of IAA, Israel's Antiquities Authority in Jerusalem, Sunday, July 24, 2011.

# Focus

**OSLO, Norway** (AP)—To Anders Behring Breivik, the Norway explosion and shootings that killed at least 93 people were a "marketing method" for his manifesto, which not only lays out his extreme nationalist philosophy but reveals his attack methods and encourages like-thinkers to do their own mass killing.

# Suspect: Norway attacks 'marketing' for manifesto

By BJOERN AMLAND and SARAH DiLORENZO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breivik describes how he bought armor, guns, tons of fertilizer and other bomb components, stashed caches of weapons and wiping his computer hard drive—all while evading police suspicion and being nice to his neighbors.

In discussing how and where to order bomb components, he said "there is absolutely NO GOOD REASON why anyone (unless flagged by the intelligence agency) shouldn't be able to acquire the above materials."

"Any single patriot who wants to establish a cell and begin action can do so, and thus becomes a part of the organisation," he wrote.

Friday's bombing at government headquarters in Oslo, which killed at least seven, and the shootings, which killed at least 86 at a ruling-party island retreat for young people, have rattled Norway, home to the Nobel Peace Prize and where the average policeman patrols without a firearm.

More than 90 people were wounded, and others remain missing at both crime scenes.

Authorities revealed Sunday that one of the attacker's first victims on the island was an off-duty police officer who had been hired by the camp directors to provide private security in his spare time.

That detail sheds new light on the confusion many survivors described during the 90-minute massacre. The attacker arrived dressed as a policeman, and some were killed when they approached the killer thinking he was there to save them.

Dr. Colin Poole, head of surgery at Ringriket Hospital in Honefoss northwest of Oslo, told The Associated Press that the gunman used special bullets designed to disintegrate inside the body and cause maximum internal damage. Poole said surgeons treating 16 gunshot victims have recovered no full bullets.

"These bullets more or less exploded inside the body," Poole said. "It's caused us all kinds of extra problems in dealing with the wounds they cause, with very strange trajectories."

Ballistics experts say the so-called "dum-dum" bullets also are lighter in weight and can be fired with greater accuracy over varying distances.

Police have not released the names of any victims, but they were mourned Sunday. Norway's King Harald V, his wife, Queen Sonja, and Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg were part of the crowd packed into Oslo Cathedral. People who could not fit inside the grand church, which was strewn with flowers and candles, huddled under umbrellas amid drizzling rain.

The king and queen wiped tears from their eyes during the service themed on "sorrow and hope."

Police and Breivik's lawyer have said that he confessed to the twin attacks but denied criminal responsibility for Norway's deadliest day ever in peacetime. Breivik has been charged with terrorism and will be arraigned Monday.

Norway has no death penalty. Its maximum sentence for any crime is 21 years.

Breivik's attorney, Geir Lippestad, said Sunday that his client asked for an open court hearing on Monday "because he wants to explain himself." It was unclear whether a judge would allow the media to cover the hearing.

"He wanted a change in society and, from his perspective, he needed to force through a revolution," Lippestad told public broadcaster NRK. "He wished to attack society and the structure of society."

Lippestad said his client wrote the 1,500-page manifesto alone—though a reading shows that parts were lifted from the writings of U.S. mail bomber Ted Kaczynski. It's part anti-immigrant rant, part diary and part prediction of a judgment day.

The planning he explained in the document drilled down to the tiniest tasks. He choose a Hyundai for a trip to Prague to buy an AK-47 because he thought it was the kind of car a retiree would drive, so he probably wouldn't get stopped on his way back to Oslo. He hid most of his armor in a waterproof case underground in a forest, but a police riot officer's uniform that didn't fit was shoved into a box labeled "air soft equipment."

In near-fluent English, the manifesto is chatty, personal and even has a few jokes. Drug dealers, he noted, are the best place to go for guns. He was excited for a friend's birthday party. He feared going to Prague, but fell in love with the city when he got there, describing it as a museum—and mostly devoid of Muslims.

Beirvik pilloried what he called the political correctness of liberals and warned that their work would end in the colonization of Europe by Muslims. Europeans who might sympathize with his ideas, meanwhile, have been brainwashed into a fear of nationalism, he wrote.

This image shows Anders Behring Breivik from a manifesto attributed to him that was discovered Saturday, July 23, 2011.
AP

"This irrational fear of nationalistic doctrines is preventing us from stopping our own national/cultural suicide as the Islamic colonization is increasing annually. This book presents the only solutions to our current problems," he wrote.

Much like the rest of western Europe, immigration has changed the demographics of once-homogenous Norway. In the past 20 years, more than 400,000 people migrated to the nation of about 4.7 million from non-Nordic countries as has opened its arms to thousands of conflict refugees from Pakistan, Iraq and Somalia. Muslims make up about 1.8 percent of Norway's population.

In London, the leader of Ramadhan Foundation, one of Britain's largest Muslim groups, said mosques are being extra vigilant in the wake of the attacks. Mohammed Shafiq told The AP he was talking to European Muslim leaders and British police about the need to increase security.

Breivik spent years writing the manifesto titled "2083—A European Declaration of Independence." It was signed "Andrew Berwick." The document later explained that 2083 was to be the year when European government would be overthrown en masse.

"We, the free indigenous peoples of Europe, hereby declare a pre-emptive war on all cultural Marxist/multiculturalist elites of Western Europe. ... We know who you are, where you live and we are coming for you," he writes. "We are in the process of flagging every single multculturalist traitor in Western Europe. You will be punished for your treasonous acts against Europe and Europeans."

Breivik says he began planning his assault in 2002, when he hoped to raise enough money to create a foundation to distribute his "compendium," as he called the document. After dabbling in stock speculation for several years, in 2006, he decided he had enough money to write the manifesto, but not enough to distribute it.

"I will need to cut my losses and proceed to plan B," he wrote.

Plan B was a mass slaughter to draw attention to his writing.

"The actual military operation is also a sub-task as well as it is a marketing method for the distribution of this compendium among other things," he wrote.

By 2009, the compendium was complete, and Breivik started planning the attacks. He started small, setting up fake email addresses to justify an application for a fake business, Breivik Geofarm, his cover for ordering six metric tons of fertilizer—an integral component of the Oslo bomb. He rented an actual farm to carry out the final phase of his plan.

Starting May 2, he gave a daily blow-by-blow of his activities, mostly building his bomb at the farm. One of the owners of the farm nearly caught him in the act in a spontaneous visit to the farm but he persuaded her to return another day.

He advises how to avoid detection, telling his readers to cultivate goodwill with neighbors and offer visitors coffee and sandwiches as long as doing so doesn't "jeopardize the operation."

Finally, on the day of the attack, he wrote about his plan for "initiate blasting sequenses at pre-determined sites," but did not mention the island shooting that killed the most people.

Although earlier he had called the attacks a martyrdom operation and imagined his trial if he were to survive gunshot wounds, in his last entries, he makes no mention of being killed or captured. Instead, he worries how he will pay off the debts he has acquired over the years of planning.

Then he signs off: "I believe this will be my last entry. It is now Fri July 22nd, 12.51."

Breivik claims to be part of a new Knights Templar group, and he hints that there may be others waiting to execute similar attacks, though his lawyer said he insists he acted alone.

"Will attempt to initiate contact with cell 8b and 8c in late March," he writes at one point, but doesn't reference them again or explain if these are aliases.

Norwegian police declined to comment on whether they're concerned about similar attacks.

European security officials said they were aware of increased Internet chatter from individuals claiming they belonged to a new Knights Templar group that Breivik describes, in fantastical terms, in the manifesto. The Knights Templar was a medieval order created to protect Christian pilgrims in the Holy Land after the First Crusade in the 11th century.

The officials said they were still investigating claims that Breivik, and other far-right individuals, attended a London meeting of the group in 2002. The two officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the investigation.

The officials would not confirm whether they had previously identified Breivik as a potential threat.

# Overdrive

# Muscle car idolized in 2011 Camaro droptop

By LARRY PRINTZ
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

For the first time since anyone can remember, the Chevrolet Camaro is outselling the Ford Mustang. According to Automotive News, Chevy moved 40,275 Camaros for the first five months of 2011. During the same period, Ford sold 30,206 Mustangs.

One could suppose that the Camaro's new shape is still fresh when compared to that of the Mustang, whose look remains relatively unchanged. In the world of sport coupes, new designs always garner more buyers than do the familiar.

And boy, is the Camaro a looker.

Its design reveres it roots without being beholden to them. Instead, it moves the styling needle with a menacing futuristic scowl and burly stance. The 1969 Camaro—which was the modern car's inspiration—looks dainty by comparison.

And for 2011, the Camaro's top goes down in less than 20 seconds.

If anything, the Camaro convertible is better looking than the coupe. With the top lowered, you get to see the sensuous, flowing body sculpting. It's quite alluring, with a graceful air missing from '80s and '90s Camaros.

The droptop Camaro comes in two flavors: LT and SS. The former uses GM's ubiquitous 3.6-liter double-overhead-cam V6 rated at 304 horsepower. The latter has GM's legendary 6.2-liter V8 rated at 400-hp with a six-speed automatic transmission, 426-hp with the six-speed manual. Six-cylinder buyers get the same transmission choices.

All of the car's important bits are placed on a platform originally developed for the Pontiac G8 sedan.

Among the options on the LT test car was a $1,500 RS Package with 20-inch aluminum wheels, rear spoiler, unique tail lamps and high-intensity discharge headlamps.

Like the coupe, the V6 can reach 60 mph in 6.1 seconds. OK, it's not the V8's 4.7 seconds, but fast enough if you're cruising with the top down. Besides, giving up 1.4 seconds allows you to enjoy this car's style while yielding 18 mpg city, 29 mpg highway.

That's not bad, but try both models before you buy. The V6 certainly is fast on paper, but for some reason, it doesn't feel so when driving. The driveline has a surprisingly sedate feel, especially when compared to the Ford Mustang's V6.

But there's no quibbling with the way this rear-driver handles.

There is plenty of reinforcement to quell vibration. The car's tight, solid feel can be seen when traversing bumps; there's little of the flex one experiences in some convertibles. The rearview mirror can be used; it doesn't vibrate.

The steering is a willing partner in crime, telegraphing what's going on. It's neither too light nor too heavy. Like the steering, the suspension muffles road imperfections without filtering out their presence. Road and wind noise are nicely muffled.

The front seat is spacious, although it feels as if you're sitting very low thanks to this car's small windows. Unlike the coupe, which can be hard to see out of, the convertible's top goes down, eliminating that problem.

High-quality materials line the cabin; it's nicely assembled. The gauges and switches are distinctively styled, especially the audio system. It has eight buttons, six for station presets. But each button is, in reality, a toggle switch. Hitting the top of the button offers up your favorite station, while hitting the bottom activates a different function. Each button has a backlit label, and the primary function of each shines brighter. It's a small thing, but it indicates that GM sweats the design details.

That said, the already small trunk is puny on the droptop: 10.24 cubic feet with the top up, 7.85 cubic feet with it stowed.

But hey, that's what the back seat is best used for.

If you've waited to buy one, think of the money you'll save. Someone bought one of the first convertibles recently at a Barrett-Jackson charity auction for $205,000. One hundred others bought the 2011 Neiman Marcus Edition Camaro convertible for $75,000 each. They sold out in three minutes.

But you can stroll over to your nearest Chevy store and grab this year's hottest muscle car for half of that price.

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The 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible.
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**As tested:** $36,185
Engine: 3.6-liter DOHC V6
**Wheelbase:** 112.8 inches
**Length:** 190.4 inches
**Weight:** 3,986 pounds
**Cargo space:** 7.85-10.24 cubic feet
**EPA rating (city/highway):** 18/29 mpg
**Fuel consumption:** 23.5 mpg
**Fuel type:** Regular

## Thinking of getting a smaller car?

# Wait until fall

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** (AP)—Thinking of trading in the clunker in your garage for something that gets better gas mileage? Wait a little longer.

Small car prices, which have set record highs this year, are expected to come down this fall.

Lower gas prices will make people comfortable driving something bigger. Honda and Toyota, which were hurt by the Japan earthquake, will crank up production of small cars. And Japan and Detroit will offer big discounts on smaller models as their lots fill up.

The average new compact car, which cost a record $20,500 in June, should fall to about $19,300 by the end of the year. The average used compact car should fall from a record $11,300 to about $9,600 over the same time, according figures compiled by the Kelley Blue Book auto pricing service.

Small-car prices should start falling in September and accelerate through the end of the year.

"Values for these vehicles just rose too quickly and got to a level that was really unsustainable," says Alec Gutierrez, manager of vehicle valuation for the Kelley Blue Book car pricing service.

Here are factors pushing down small-car prices:

■ **Small-car surplus:** Carmakers such as Honda and Toyota are boosting production following Japan's March 11 earthquake and tsunami. With factories returning to normal, American dealers will have more Civics, Corollas and Priuses. And they won't have to put small-car buyers on waiting lists, like they did this spring.

■ **Deals:** Honda and Toyota dealers will increase rebates, low-interest financing and other promotions, Gutierrez predicts. "GM and Ford will be right behind them, and Hyundai as well," he says.

■ **Lower gas prices:** Gas prices are down 31 cents from their peak of $3.98 a gallon in May, and although small-car demand is still strong, buyers have started to shift to larger vehicles. Compact and subcompact sales fell to just under 195,000 last month, down from 238,000 in March, according to Autodata Corp.

# Enlightenment about engine lights

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Question: Can you explain how my check engine light works? It seems the more I hear about this the more I am confused. Is it OK to drive when it's on?**

**Answer:** You're not alone! This little orange light is the most perplexing component ever added to an automobile. A Check Engine light, also called a Service Engine Soon light, is officially referred to as the MIL (Malfunction Indicator Lamp) in the automotive emissions regulations specifying its use. In a nutshell, the MIL illuminates if an emissions related fault occurs. To understand the oddities in MIL function, I'll need to torture you a bit with a history lesson:

Beginning in 1980 on some vehicles and phased in sporadically on others through 1996 (light trucks 1997) an illuminated light on these vehicles indicated an open or short circuit in the engine control system's sensors or circuits, or in some cases a severe rich or lean fuel system problem. Typically the light would come on when the fault occurred and go off if the fault went away. Government mandated onboard diagnostics (now referred to as OBD-1) appeared in 1991, but there was little, if any, standardization between vehicle manufacturers regarding trouble codes, terms and diagnostic tools. OBD-I was limited to finding only glaring faults in a part of the vehicle's systems.

OBD-II changed all this in 1996/1997 requiring far more stringent testing of vehicle systems and standardization of how and when the MIL might light, trouble code definitions, component terms and more. The MIL on an OBD-II vehicle lights if any fault occurs that may cause exhaust emissions to exceed 150 percent of the mandated standard. This can be due to a faulty sensor, a wiring problem, an engine misfire, fuel vapor leakage, or degraded catalytic converter, among other possible faults. Approximately six test sequences, known as monitors, check engine operation and a variety of different component areas. Some monitors run continuously while others are at certain times/vehicle conditions, so a fault could result in an immediately illuminated MIL, or another fault may take several days or even longer to be indicated. A jiggled apart connector on the throttle sensor would be instantly flagged, while a loose gas cap may take days or longer to get your attention.

OBD-II differs also from the earlier systems in how/when the MIL may turn off. Once a fault is identified, the lamp will remain on until three successful tests are performed without incident. Depending on the monitor, this could be today or next week. A reconnected TP sensor connector might extinguish the light later in the same day, while tightening the gas cap may not produce results until the fuel tank reaches a certain level and a stubborn-to-run monitor clicks off three successful tests — maybe a week?

The most troubling aspect of the MIL is one can't be certain if a fault is of high or low importance to be fixed. If your MIL lights steadily, and the engine runs normally, try tightening the gap cap, wait a week, then make a repair appointment if it doesn't go out. If the MIL flashes and/or the engine runs rough, this needs fixing right away!

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# Life & Style

# Winehouse's mother: 'She seemed out of it'

AP

An unidentified woman leaves a floral tribute in Camden Square, north London, Sunday, July 24, 2011, to Amy Winehouse, the beehived soul-jazz diva who was found dead Saturday, July 23, 2011 in her London home nearby.

**LONDON** (AP)—Amy Winehouse's mother said the singer seemed unwell a day before she died, a British newspaper reported Sunday, while her family mourned the loss of "a wonderful daughter, sister, niece" and more tributes flowed in from fans and fellow performers.

A mound of flowers, messages and handwritten notes grew Sunday outside of the north London home where ambulance crews found the singer dead before they arrived on Saturday.

"R.I.P. Never Forgotten," read one message, while another said "It's all right, love. Go now."

The Sunday Mirror quoted Janis Winehouse as saying she believed it was "only a matter of time" before her daughter died. The 27-year-old singer had publicly struggled with drug and alcohol abuse for years.

"She seemed out of it. But her passing so suddenly still hasn't hit me," Janis told the tabloid.

Police said the cause of her death is being treated as "unexplained," rejecting speculation that she died from a drug overdose as "inappropriate." The circumstances surrounding her death are not yet clear, but police said a post-mortem is expected Monday or Tuesday.

Her spokesman, Chris Goodman, confirmed Sunday that a security guard had found her body and called ambulance services.

"Our family has been left bereft by the loss of Amy, a wonderful daughter, sister, niece. She leaves a gaping hole in our lives," the family of the "Back to Black" singer said in a statement, and requested privacy.

In her short lifetime, Winehouse too often made headlines because of drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, destructive relationships and abortive performances.

Actor Russell Brand, a former drug addict, wrote a lengthy tribute to Winehouse, urging the media and public to change the way addiction is perceived—"not as a crime or a romantic affectation but as a disease that will kill."

"Winehouse and I shared an affliction, the disease of addiction," he wrote. "Addiction is a serious disease; it will end with jail, mental institutions or death."

Others, like American singer Carole King, whose song Will You Love Me Tomorrow was covered by Winehouse, recalled her small, but powerful body of recorded music.

"She did such a beautiful performance on it," King told the BBC, saying that she was grateful to the late singer for the recording. "I just really hope that she's found peace now wherever she is."

No information about funeral or burial was immediately available.

## *Reaction to death of Amy Winehouse*

Some statements on soul-jazz singer Amy Winehouse, who was found dead Saturday at her London home:

■ "She was my musical soulmate and like a sister to me. This is one of the saddest days of my life."—Producer Mark Ronson, who has worked closely with the singer

■ "She was one of a kind and we were fortunate to have had the chance to make music with her. She was always gracious and a pleasure to work with in the studio and on the road. She brought a lot of people joy with her voice and her irreverent personality. It is a tragedy that she was taken from us so soon when she had much more music to give."—The Dap-Kings, a funk band that played on the singer's second album.

■ "Five-time Grammy winner Amy Winehouse was a dynamic performer and musician who seamlessly blended rock, jazz, pop, and soul and created a sound all her own. Her rich, soulful and unique voice reflected her honest songwriting and earned her a devoted fan following, critical acclaim, and the genuine respect and admiration of her musical peers. She will forever be remembered for her immense talent, and her music will live on for generations to come. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family, friends, and fans during this difficult time."—The Recording Academy

■ "We are deeply saddened at the sudden loss of such a gifted musician, artist, performer and friend. Our prayers go out to Amy's family, friends and fans at this difficult time."—Winehouse's U.S. label Universal Music Group

■ "I was honored then and I am now that I had the opportunity to share the same tour and stage with Amy this year in Brazil ... At our first meeting she was very shy, a sweet girl. Her first words to me were, `It's so nice to meet you finally, I'm shy, you're a shy girl like me, huh?' ... I am so happy for her recordings as we will forever get to hear a rare talent with a voice all her own. There will never be a tone or vocal delivery like Amy's. May her music and voice live forever." Janelle Monae, Grammy-nominated singer

■ "It's always unfortunate. An addiction is a very serious thing. Like a lot of people who die from addiction, the signs on the wall in behavior, and in the music, and in the behavior. It's unfortunate no one was able to reach her."—George Lopez

■ "It's sad when you see somebody that talented that passes away and doesn't have to."—Jeff Foxworthy

■ "I have to say that as tragic as this is you can't want someone to succeed unless that individual wants to, and she was on a downward spiral, and she resisted all help. So what can you do? She's going to go down in history as tragic icon, a bit like Janis Joplin."—Tim Gunn

**From Twitter:**

■ "Drugs took her gift, her soul, her light, long before they took her life. RIP Amy"—Josh Groban

■ "Truly sad news about Amy Winehouse. My heart goes out to her family. May her troubled soul find peace."—Demi Moore

■ "so many people saying that because it's not a surprise that amy winehouse passed, it's not sad. i hope you have more compassion for friends."—Rob Thomas

■ "SO sad, another lost to addiction. A reminder this is often a fatal condition. Recovery is possible, but sadly not for Amy Winehouse"—Dr. Drew Pinsky


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*We will always remember you in our hearts and prayers. "May God Bless You All"*

*Thank You very much and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.*

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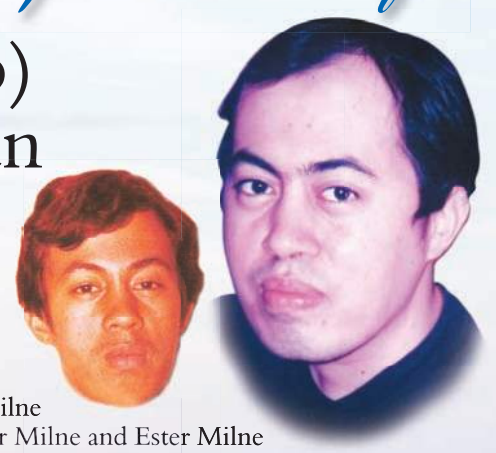
**Robert (Bob) Wayne Sablan Milne**



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**Maternal Grandparents:** Vicente R. Sablan and Emilia P. Sablan

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**Stepfather:** Joseph C. Reyes
**Brothers & Sisters:** John & Mary Silk and Children
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Ernest (Alex) Milne and Son
Ronald V. Milne
Leolanie Reyes and Children
Kolin M. Reyes & Rosie DlGurrero and Children
Marvin Reyes
**Brother-In-Law:** Leonardo D. Camacho
**Caregiver:** Marc A. Ausejo

**Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 am.**

On Friday, July 29, 2011, our beloved Bob will be with us for the last time at St. Jude Church at 8:00 a.m. for responso and Holy Rosary.

The Eucharistic Celebration will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by burial service at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Thank You for your thoughts and prayers.

**The Family**

# 'Captain America' knocks Harry from No. 1 spot

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—In a battle of summer movie heroes, Captain America topped Harry Potter this weekend at the box office.

Paramount Pictures' "Captain America: The First Avenger" opened at No. 1 with $65.8 million, according to Sunday studio estimates. The Marvel Comics superhero adventure sets up next summer's all-star blockbuster "The Avengers."

Warner Bros.' "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," the eighth and final installment in the boy-wizard franchise, dropped to the second spot. It made just over $48 million in its second weekend for a domestic total of $274.1 million.

Don Harris, head of distribution for Paramount, said "Captain America" exceeded expectations. He figured it would do the same sort of business as "X-Men: First Class," which opened with $55.1 million in June.

"It looked to me, when I saw the marketing on the movie and then saw `Captain America,' like a throwback movie. It reminded me a little bit of `Raiders of the Lost Ark.' It had a little bit of a `Raiders' feel to it, which is one of the best movies of all time," Harris said. "People embrace the look of the character. The character is a little bit like Iron Man—he didn't have a lot of special weapons to himself, he just was a pretty interesting character.

"For it to be the fifth of five superhero movies for the summer, it looks like we got to save the best for last," he said.

Internationally, "Captain America: The First Avenger" opened only in Italy with $2.8 million. It will begin playing in 23 international markets next weekend, including the United Kingdom, Russia, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Australia and Korea.

1. **"Captain America: The First Avenger,"** $65.8 million ($2.8 million international).
2. **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2,"** $48 million ($121.3 million international).
3. **"Friends With Benefits,"** $18.5 million.
4. **"Transformers: Dark of the Moon,"** $12 million ($62 million international).
5. **"Horrible Bosses,"** $11.7 million.
6. **"Zookeeper,"** $8.7 million.
7. **"Cars 2,"** $5.7 million ($17.7 million international).
8. **"Winnie the Pooh,"** $5.1 million.
9. **"Bad Teacher,"** $2.6 million.
10. **"Midnight in Paris,"** $1.9 million.

"Harry Potter" dropped 72 percent from its record-setting opening of $169.2 million last weekend. That was expected, though: Even Warner Bros. executives acknowledged that these movies are front-loaded in terms of audience turn-out.

And as box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Hollywood.com pointed out, this final "Potter" picture made $43 million in its first midnight showings alone.

"`Harry Potter' did what it's going to do," Dergarabedian said. "Even trying to keep up with that pace, that level, is really tough."

The week's other big release, "Friends With Benefits" from Sony Screen Gems, opened at No. 3 with $18.5 million. The romantic comedy stars Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis as friends who try to maintain a strictly physical relationship. The extremely similar "No Strings Attached," starring Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman, debuted in January with $19.7 million.

Meanwhile, the 3-D "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" became the highest-grossing movie ever distributed by Paramount Pictures International. It crossed the half-billion-dollar mark with $62 million from 60 worldwide markets this weekend. Its cumulative overseas gross now stands at $556.6 million.

Domestically, the third "Transformers" movie made $12 million this weekend for a domestic total of $325.8 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.


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Captain America: The First Avenger

Fri and Sat 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sun thru Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25

Chris Evans, Tommy Lee Jones
Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Meek U.S. Army soldier Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) takes part in an experimental military program that infuses him with super-human powers, and uses his newfound strength to battle the villainous Red Skull (Hugo Weaving) in this comic-book adventure from director Joe Johnston (The Wolfman, The Rocketeer). Tommy Lee Jones, Neal McDonough, and Stanley Tucci co-star in a film written by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeeley.

Friends With Benefits

Fri and Sat 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
Sun thru Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05

Justin Timberlake, Mila Kunis
Comedy • Rated R

Synopsis
A New York headhunter (Mila Kunis) enters into a no-strings-attached relationship with her latest client (Justin Timberlake), but finds things getting unexpectedly complicated when emotions enter the picture. Patricia Clarkson and Woody Harrelson co-star.

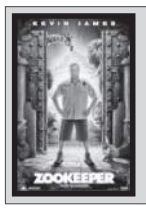
★ ★ ★

Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows-Part2

Fri and Sat 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sun thru Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson
Action, Adventure, Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
The final adventure in the Harry Potter film series follows Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron (Rupert Grint), and Hermione (Emma Watson) as they prepare for a final battle with Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), who is determined to destroy Harry once and for all. In order to defeat the powerful wizard, they must find and destroy Voldemort's last and most elusive Horcrux—that is, the enchanted piece of soul allowing him to remain immortal—before his nefarious plans come to fruition.



Zookeeper

Fri and Sat 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40
Sun thru Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

Kevin James, Rosario Dawson
Comedy • Rated PG

Horrible Bosses

Fri and Sat 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:30
Sun thru Thurs 1:20 4:20 7:20

Jason Bateman, Jennifer Aniston
Comedy • Rated R

Transformers: Dark of the Moon

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Sun thru Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

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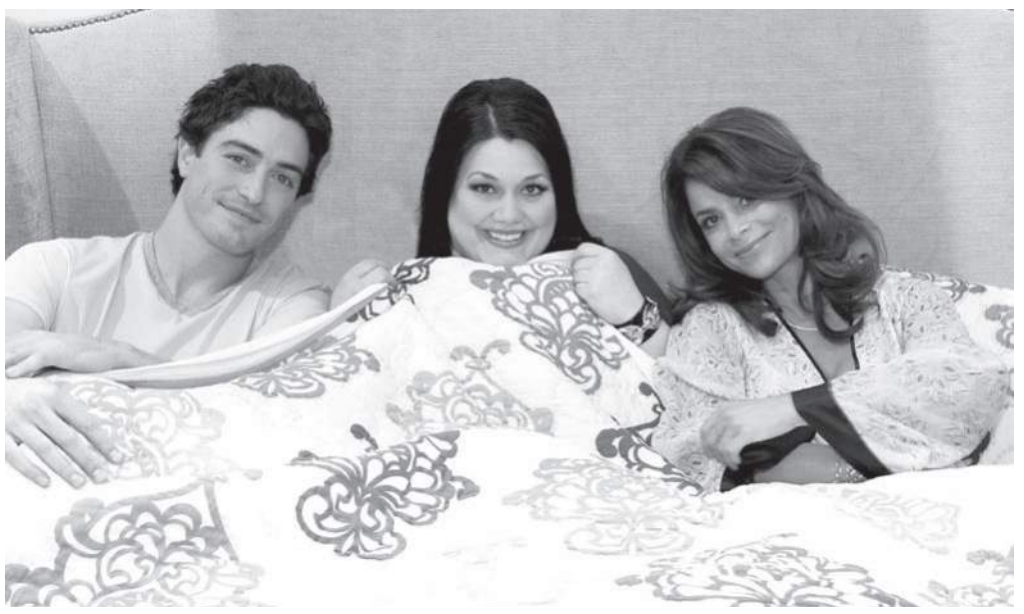

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In this publicity image released by Sony Pictures Television, from left, Ben Feldman, Brooke Elliott and Paula Abdul are shown from the third season of "Drop Dead Diva." Abdul, a recurring guest-star, is one of many celebrity guest stars on the third season of "Drop Dead Diva." The series airs Sundays at 9:00 p.m. EDT on Lifetime.

# 'Drop Dead Diva' is TV magnet for guest stars

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Some TV shows really know how to use the venerable tradition of stunt casting.

"All in the Family" created a classic when Sammy Davis Jr. dropped in on the Bunkers and gave racism the kiss-off. "Love Boat" trafficked in volume and variety, with an A-to-Z roll call of guest stars ranging from Eve Arden to Adrian Zmed.

Lifetime's quirky fantasy "Drop Dead Diva" (9 p.m. EDT Sunday) is putting its own spin on the convention, boosted by a celebrity fan club that likes to do more than watch.

A partial accounting of this season's guests alone includes Paula Abdul, Brandy Norwood, Kathy Griffin, LeAnn Rimes, Lance Bass, Quinton Aaron, Valerie Harper, Nancy Grace, Jamie Lynn Sigler and Clay Aiken.

Past visitors include Liza Minnelli, Faith Prince, Delta Burke, Tim Gunn, Vivica A. Fox and Jennifer Tilly.

Series executive producer Josh Berman, who was a longtime writer for "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "Bones," said luring celebrities to those dramas was a challenge compared to "Drop Dead Diva."

"Stars started calling us in the first season," Berman said, with others tweeting their yearning to drop in on "Diva."

An element of prestige has been added: The series is among the finalists announced this month for the annual Humanitas Prize, which honors film and TV writers whose work meaningfully explores the human condition.

The comedy-drama stars Brooke Elliott as a self-absorbed model who dies in an accident and finds her soul shifted to the body of a newly dead, plus-size attorney. In this week's episode, Elliott's character, Jane, represents a lesbian couple banned from a high school prom. Bass, Aiken, Wanda Sykes and Amanda Bearse, all openly gay, guest star.

Berman acknowledges that his show's per-episode average of 2.4 million viewers is dwarfed by the double-digit pull of crime shows. But stars don't necessarily want to be plugged into a murder-of-the-week plot, Berman said—and "Diva" also knows how to play the good host.

"We try to custom-write roles for stars we pursue as well as those that ask us. We tailor a role," he said. "I think it's rare in which a show has a writer get together with a guest star and say, `Let's talk about your part.'

"If Paula wants to act, sing or dance, we'll make sure she does what she wants to," he said of Abdul.

Formerly of "American Idol" and now part of the upcoming "The X Factor" singing contest, Abdul is the leader of the "Diva" pack with five performances that have cast her in various roles including a wedding planner and—familiar turf—a judge.

She calls the show a charmer with "characters that are rich and fun, and with a great message." It's also a kick, she added.

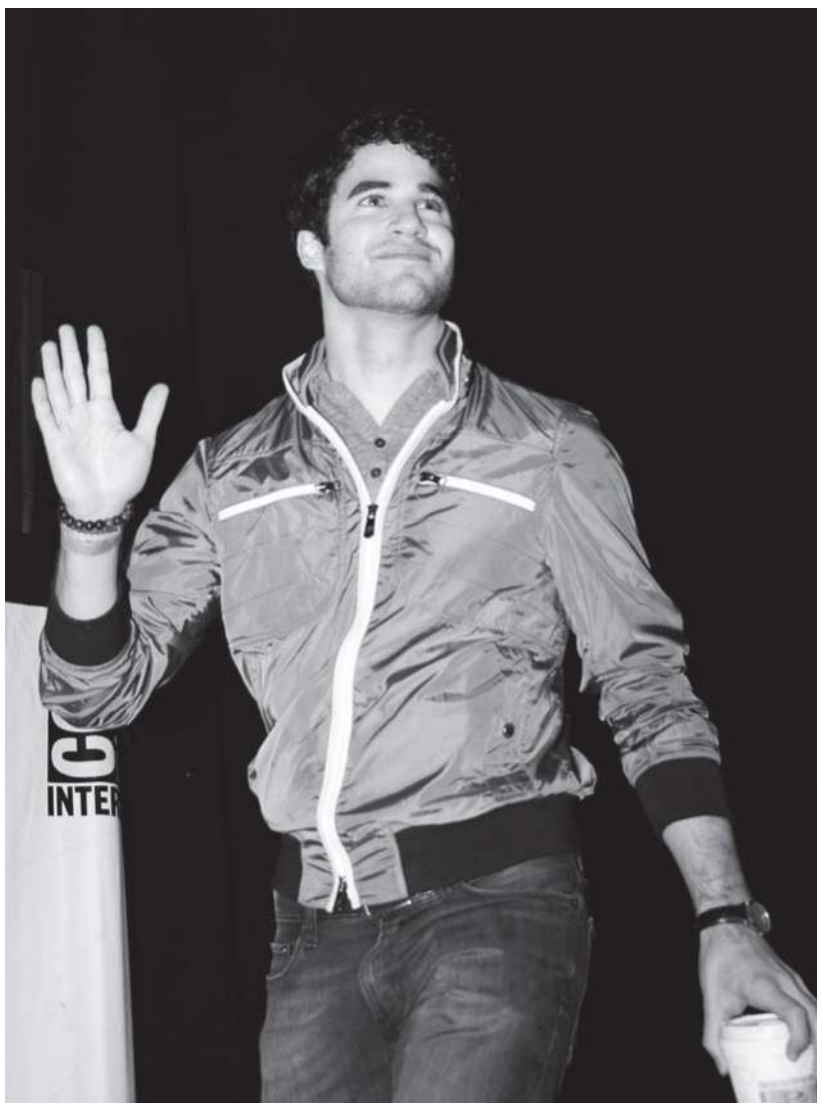
"Every time I appear on the show they make it feel like it's a party and it's not work," Abdul said.

It's also good exposure for Abdul, who said she's interested in starring in a drama or comedy series that could fit around her "X Factor" duties, and other guest stars.

After filming a three-episode arc shaped around Norwood, Berman said he's talking with her about joining as a series regular next year. It could lead to other roles as well, the actress said.

"This is a great opportunity for me to find my rhythm again in television. ... It's a way for people to see me in a new light who haven't seen me on television consistently since `Moesha,'" she said.

# Kurt, Finn, Rachel not done with 'Glee'



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Actor Darren Criss arrives at a panel for the movie "Glee" at the Comic-Con International 2011 convention held in San Diego Sunday, July 24, 2011.

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—"Glee" stars Lea Michele, Chris Colfer and Cory Monteith will appear in future seasons of the hit show.

Co-creator and executive producer Brad Falchuk told thousands of so-called "Gleeks" gathered at Comic-Con on Sunday that Rachel, Kurt and Finn "are not done with the show after this season."

Reports surfaced last month that the three stars would not return for season four of the musical Fox series. Their characters are high school seniors who are set to graduate at the end of the season three.

"They're seniors, they're graduating, but just because they're graduating doesn't mean they're leaving the show," Falchuk told fans, noting that the actors remain under contract.

The three actors did not appear at the presentation at the San Diego Convention Center, where show writers and cast members Jenna Ushkowitz, Darren Criss, Dot Marie Jones and Harry Shum Jr. talked about the new season, which is set to return in the fall.

The new season will be split into two "mini-seasons" that mimic school semesters, Falchuk said.

Fans can expect a deeper look into the characters' lives and their post-high-school aspirations. Broadway star Idina Menzel will return, and Sue Sylvester, the mean-spirited cheerleading coach played by Jane Lynch (who won an Emmy last year for the role), will be running for Congress in season three in an attempt to destroy all glee clubs.

"Sue is running on a no-arts platform," Falchuk said.

The presentation also included a peek at "Glee: The 3D Concert Movie," which is set for release August 12.

The film includes footage shot during the cast's national concert tour and offers a look into the lives of passionate "Glee" fans.

Among the highlights shown include Criss performing "Teenage Dream" and Heather Morris, who plays Brittany S. Pearce, singing and dancing to Britney Spears' hit "I'm a Slave 4 U."

# Five questions for country music star Keith Urban

By BRIAN MCCOLLUM
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Keith Urban performs during his Get Closer 2011 World Tour stop at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina, Friday, June 24, 2011.

Country star and Australian heartthrob Keith Urban is touring the United States, nine months after the release of his chart-topping seventh album, "Get Closer."

The marathon four-month tour started in June. Urban talked with us about his show and career.

**Q: You've got a stage design that seems to aim for intimacy in the arena space.**

**A:** On the Escape Together Tour (in 2009), we had these two ramps going down into the audience, as part of the stage, a way to get back and forth easily. I really loved the accessibility of it, but I also loved the way it made the stage feel very inviting to the audience, because you didn't have these big fences and burly security guys. So we've built this cylindrical stage, like a semicircle, and basically the entire front slopes down to the audience. That allows me to get down and back pretty easily, but it's also created more of a club vibe, which is what I try to create in an arena.

We get an enormous amount of energy from the audience, and it's that much easier to give it when you receive it.

**Q: Keeping that energy rolling is pretty key. What kinds of choices did you make with the set list, in terms of pacing?**

**A:** You're always trying to figure out how much new material to do. That's tricky for us. When you have a new record out, some fans buy it the day it comes out. Some get it because they're going to see you in concert, so they're cramming, listening in the car. (Laughs) That's certainly what I do — I don't want to be the guy sitting through new songs not knowing what's going on.

So you want to find a way to thread them through the show with the hits we've had. We're very aware of making sure it isn't a sit-down affair, so you're finding ways to thread the lower-tempo songs throughout so it's more of an upstroke. And figuring out a way to get in all the older songs, too. We've had about 25 top 10 hits — it's a beautiful conundrum.

**Q: This thing has gotten so huge for you. Do you recall the moment when you realized that everything had changed?**

**A:** When we released the single "Somebody Like You" (in 2002) and it ended up spending eight weeks at No. 1, a huge shift happened. This whole new younger audience came in, and we started getting a lot of non-country people coming to our shows as well, with these songs that had a lot of crossover appeal.

I remember a show in Canada where 12,000 people came out. Sold out. I'd done so many shows opening for other people, so I was used to playing to crowds that size, but they wouldn't be my crowds. I remember literally saying to myself, "Man, whoever's coming on next is going to love this crowd," and then in a nanosecond it hit me: "Nobody is coming on next. This is you."

**Q: What is it that's still clicking with audiences?**

**A:** A lot of it has come from the live concert experience because I've been doing it so long and particularly because I came up playing the pubs in Australia, which are more rough kinds of places. You really learn about passionate, authentic performing. So my live performances have always been much more intense and passionate. And we found the right songs to go with that. People came to hear the records, but experienced something much different.

**Q: Are you doing much writing out on the road?**

**A:** I tend to take note of songs I hear. It's usually a particular energy or feel that hits something in me, and when that inspires me, I want to write something down. And then there's subject matter that comes up, stories that I make mental notes of. But really, I've mostly enjoyed writing when it's time to write. It's sort of like I need to write from a place of inspiration, but sometimes when inspiration strikes on the road, I don't have time to focus on it. So I bottle these moments, and when it's time, I can take these bottles of inspiration with me.

# Unhappy woman ponders how to smile for Facebook friends

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I reluctantly signed onto Facebook at the urging of my siblings. The problem is, I am now receiving many replies from people I knew back in college and elsewhere saying how glad they are they have found me, how much they have missed me, and that they would like to catch up. It made me remember that I was very well-liked then, and how when I graduated from college with honors people said I had a bright future.

But now I am nowhere near what I used to be when those people knew me. My life has not been very productive or happy since I moved from the East Coast to California.

I am married to a wonderful man. We have no children, and I have had only sporadic employment over the past few years due to treatment for depression and alcoholism. I'm trying to get better, but it's hard.

Most of those who have written tell me about their children, grandchildren and the career progress they have made in their lives. I can't tell them any of that about myself. Please don't tell me to get counseling. I am. And don't tell me to go to AA meetings. I do. And don't tell me to take medication, because I'm doing that, too.

Just tell me what do I write to all those old friends who seem to have achieved many of the conventional things in life that I haven't. I don't want to say nothing, and I don't want to lie, but I also don't want to tell them the depressing truth, either.

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**DEAR UNSURE: Crafting upbeat prose can be difficult when someone is as depressed as you appear to be. But you are getting the help you need and working to pull yourself out of it, and for that I applaud you.**

**Before composing your Facebook entry, take stock of the positive things you have going for you and make a list. You are married to a wonderful man, you haven't had to work over the past few years, but it hasn't caused serious economic hardship—although you wouldn't mind re-entering the workforce at some point. If you volunteer in the community, have read an amusing or uplifting poem, mention that, too. In other words, "spin." That's what everyone else on social media does, so don't feel guilty about it.**

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, "Mark," for five years and we have talked about marriage, though we are not officially engaged. For sentimental and financial reasons, I would like to wear my deceased grandmother's engagement ring.

I worry that it may appear presumptuous if I were to ask my father for the ring, especially because I'm technically not engaged yet. I have considered asking my sister if she would suggest the idea to Dad, but I'm not sure about that either.

I'm nervous that Mark might go ahead and buy me a ring in the meantime if Dad hasn't already offered him the ring. Then I wouldn't have the chance to honor my grandmother's memory. How would you suggest I let my wishes be known?

JITTERY FUTURE BRIDE IN BOSTON

**DEAR JITTERY: Let your wishes be known by telling your boyfriend, "Mark, it has always been my dream to wear my grandmother's engagement ring." That will let him know he won't have to buy one for you. But do not approach your father asking for the ring until you ARE "technically" engaged.**

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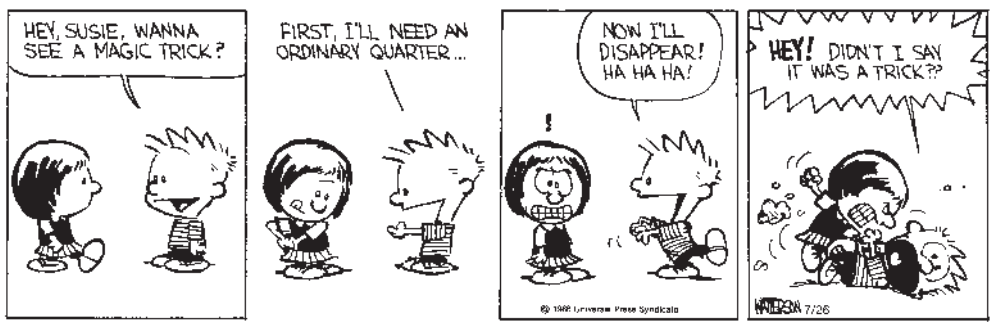
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HEY, SUSIE, WANNA SEE A MAGIC TRICK?
FIRST, I'LL NEED AN ORDINARY QUARTER...
NOW I'LL DISAPPEAR! HA HA HA!
HEY! DIDN'T I SAY IT WAS A TRICK??
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## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

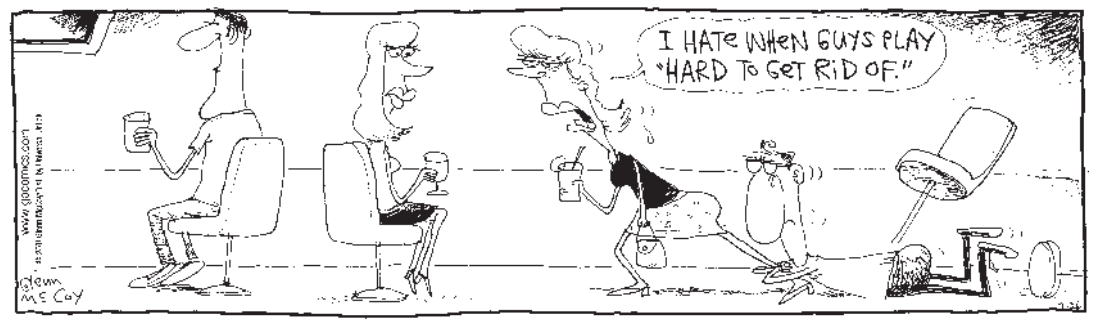
## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

IT'S GONNA RAIN...
DID YOU FEEL IT IN YOUR ARTHRITIC HIP?
NO, I SMELLED IT IN THE WIND...
YOU'VE GOT QUITE THE SNIFFER THERE.
IT'S A GIFT AND A CURSE.
CURSE?
NICK IS STILL IN DIAPERS...

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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5 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
8 Harvest
12 Houston acronym
13 Talk on and on
14 Being (Lat.)
15 Without doing anything
16 Slapstick missile
18 Mouth, slangily
20 Queenly
21 First lady?
22 Overweight
23 Andean pack animal
26 Sink a putt
30 A billion years
31 Peace, to Caesar
32 Lingerie item
33 Where oaters take place
36 Make like Manet
38 Wall climber
39 — Solo
40 Sierra —
43 "The Great Gatsby" locale
47 Chocolate syrup + milk + seltzer
49 Perjurer
50 Strong wind
51 Khan title
52 Therefore
53 Praiseful works
54 Sawbuck
55 Stench

**DOWN**
1 Quick cut
2 Dry streambed
3 Capri or Wight
4 Needless violence
5 Recurring sequence of events
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8 Couch potato's device
9 Catch sight of
10 Largest continent
11 See 6-Down
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26 Chapeau
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35 Always
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37 Rack component
39 Macho type
40 Building block name
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Solution time: 21 mins.

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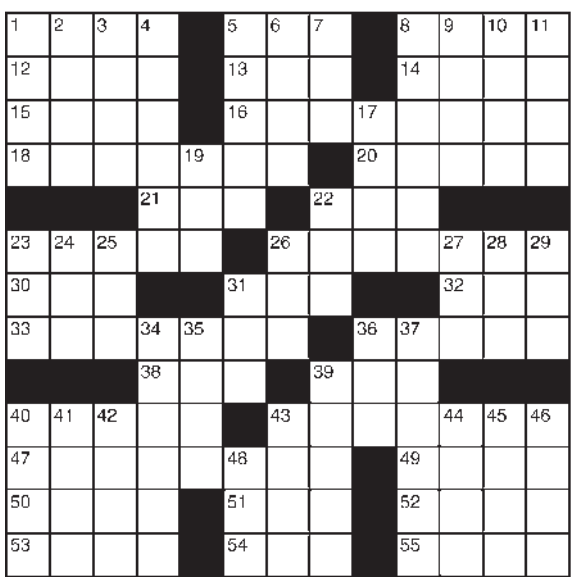

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**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): Throw a little fun into the mix. Getting together with friends or planning a vacation will pump you up. Anything is possible: If you can imagine it, you can make it happen. Love is highlighted; enjoy the moment. ✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): Don't overdo, overspend or overindulge. Focus on how you can improve relationships, and avoid impulsive moves that will cause havoc in your personal life. What you do for others will make the best statement and leave a good impression. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): You will be on the go and quick to take advantage of whatever comes your way. Your mind will be in overdrive, and much can be accomplished both personally and professionally if you work diligently on your to-do list. A change of plans will bring romance. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Pace yourself. Someone may pull a fast move to make you look incompetent. Don't give in to anyone trying to dump responsibilities in your lap. Use your imagination, and you will come up with a suitable way to get what needs doing out of the way efficiently. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Volunteer for a cause that will bring you in contact with influential people. Let your ideas be heard. A change of location will turn out to be a good move personally and professionally. Offer more and you will be well-received. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You will have trouble with people you deal with professionally. Forge ahead on your own, applying as much detail as possible. The results you get will impress the people you aim to please. ✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Gather information by getting into playful discussions with experienced individuals. Your thirst for knowledge needs to be fulfilled and will lead to a great opportunity. Check out the job market, an apprenticeship or a business venture. ✪✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Offer help where you can, but don't do so at the expense of your family or your own well-being. Practicality will be your saving grace, especially when dealing with financial matters. Don't let an emotional relationship cost you financially. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): As long as you are upfront about the way you feel and the things you are doing, you are up for a great day with spectacular results. Interacting with others will lead to excellent connections that will no doubt help you advance. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Keep everything moving forward steadily. You can stabilize your plans by discussing what you want to do with people who can help. Don't make an impulsive decision. An alternative is all that's required. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Test the waters. Join in the fun. You need an outlet that makes you enthusiastic about life. Love is highlighted, and mixing business with pleasure will pay off. There is money to be made if you put your skills to good use. ✪✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't play or associate with people who use head games to make gains. You are best to avoid being backed into a corner or upsetting any situation that is already on shaky ground. Observation is your best alternative. ✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are inquisitive, eager to participate and determined to finish what you start. You are innovative and ambitious.

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**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

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| **NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION,** Plaintiff, | : | CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0142 |
| -v- | : | |
| **ALBERT I. REMOKET and CONSOLACION I. REMOKET,** Defendants. | : | |

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to Complaint, a copy which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of our answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:

DATED, this 14th day of July, 2011:

/s/Clerk of Court

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| In the Matter of the Estate of RICARDO CAMACHO CASTRO, Deceased. | ) ) ) | CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0152 |

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maria C. Castro has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Ricardo Camacho Castro, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on August 16, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

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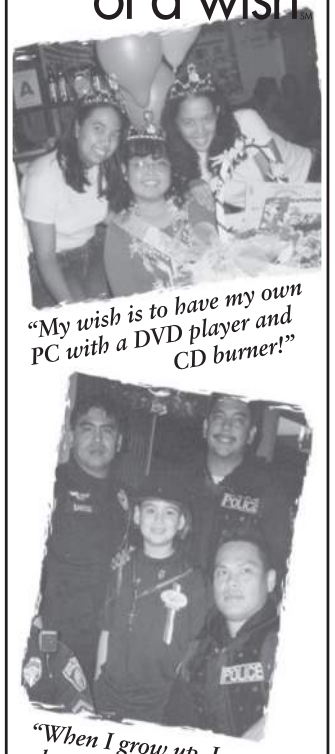

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# Pirates snap 3-game skid with win over Cards

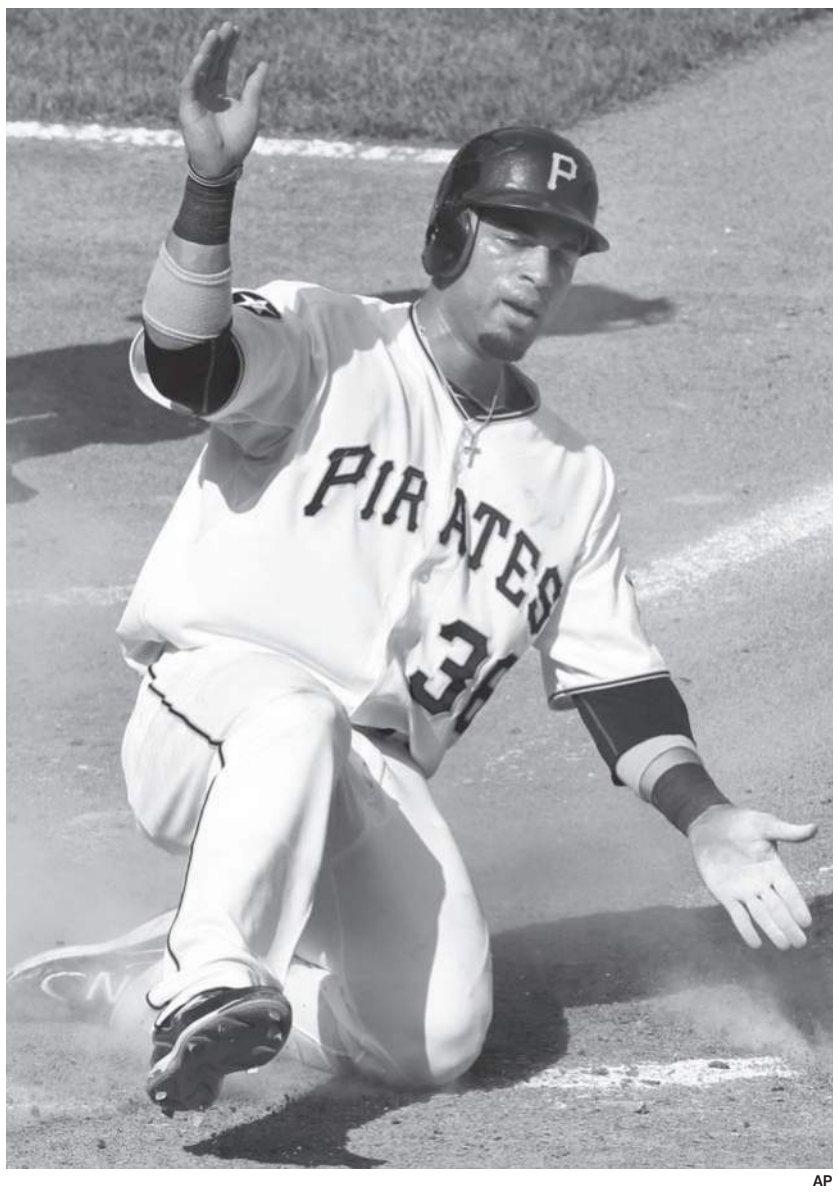
**PITTSBURGH** (AP)—Xavier Paul scored on Chase d'Arnaud's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 10th and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3 on Sunday.

Paul legged out an infield hit with one out against St. Louis reliever Jason Motte (3-2), then stole second and advanced to third when catcher Gerald Laird's throw rolled into center field.

D'Arnaud lined to center and the speedy Paul easily beat the throw from center fielder Colby Rasmus as the Pirates snapped a three-game losing streak.

Joe Beimel (1-1) retired the Cardinals in order to pick up his first victory as a Pirate in more than eight years.

Ronny Cedeno and Eric Fryer had two hits apiece for Pittsburgh.



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Pittsburgh Pirates' Xavier Paul scores from third with the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly to center field by Chase d'Arnaud during the 10th inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals in Pittsburgh, Sunday, July 24, 2011. The Pirates won, 4-3.

### Dodgers 3, Nationals 1

At Los Angeles, Chad Billingsley overcame a shaky first inning to pitch seven innings of two-hit ball, Aaron Miles drove in two runs and the Dodgers beat the Nationals.

Both of Washington's hits came in the first inning on singles by Ryan Zimmerman and Michael Morse, who drove in Washington's run. Billingsley (9-8) allowed only one baserunner after that, issuing a leadoff walk to Jayson Werth in the fourth.

Kenley Jansen pitched a perfect eighth, and rookie Javy Guerra did likewise in the ninth for his seventh save in as many attempts.

### Diamondbacks 7, Rockies 0

At Phoenix, Justin Upton went 4 for 4 with two doubles, a triple and three RBIs, and the Diamondbacks took two of three from Colorado with a victory in what might have been Ubaldo Jimenez's last start for the Rockies.

Upton, who reached base five times, has nine RBIs in his last two games. The Diamondbacks, finishing a 6-4 home stand, scored five times on eight hits in five innings against Jimenez (6-9), reportedly available for the right offer before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

### Cubs 5, Astros 4, 10 innings

At Chicago, pinch-hitter Jeff Baker's game-winning single in the 10th inning helped Chicago complete its first three-game sweep at Wrigley Field in nearly two years as the Cubs beat the Astros.

It's Chicago's first three-game winning streak this season.

Marlon Byrd led off the 10th inning with a deep fly ball to right-center. Astros right fielder Hunter Pence was in the area to catch it but apparently lost it in the sun. Byrd ended up on third with a triple.

### Phillies 5, Padres 3

At Philadelphia, Roy Halladay bounced back from his shortest stint of the season to strike out eight in eight innings and lead the Phillies to a win over the Padres.

Raul Ibanez and Carlos Ruiz each had two RBIs to lead the Phillies to their fifth straight win.

### Marlins 5, Mets 4

At Miami, John Buck doubled for his first career pinch-hit RBI to drive in the go-ahead run with two out in the eighth inning, and the Marlins rallied past the Mets.

The Marlins trailed 4-3 going into the eighth against Bobby Parnell (3-2). Logan Morrison led off with a game-tying homer, and Mike Stanton singled. A sacrifice advanced the runner, and Buck put Florida ahead.

### Giants 2, Brewers 1

At San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner pitched into the eighth inning and the San Francisco Giants survived another one-run game, beating the Brewers.

Mike Fontenot and Jeff Keppinger each drove in runs for the Giants, who have won seven of 10 games since the All-Star break.

### Reds 4, Braves 3

At Cincinnati, Drew Stubbs led off the ninth with a first-pitch homer, sending the Cincinnati Reds to a victory over the Atlanta Braves and their first set of back-to-back victories in more than five weeks.

Stubbs went the opposite way on the first offering from Scott Linebrink (3-2), completing the Reds' all-power night. Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer, and Miguel Cairo added a solo shot off rookie Brandon Beachy, giving Cincinnati a 3-0 lead.

### Red Sox 12, Mariners 8

At Boston, Jarrod Saltalamacchia drove in four runs, Kevin Youkilis hit a two-run homer and the Boston Red Sox extended the Seattle Mariners' franchise-worst losing streak to 15 games with a 12-8 win on Sunday.

Tim Wakefield (6-3) joined Roger Clemens as the only pitchers to strike out 2,000 batters with Boston and moved one win away from his 200th victory.

### Blue Jays 3, Rangers 0

At Arlington, Brett Cecil pitched a four-hitter for his second complete game in his last four starts.

It was the first career shutout for Cecil (3-4), whose only other complete game in his 55 games was in a loss July 5 at Boston. The left-hander allowed only four singles to the AL West-leading Rangers, who had only one runner reach second base.

### Yankees 7, Athletics 5

At New York, Bartolo Colon pitched seven effective innings to end a three-start losing streak and Curtis Granderson connected for a two-run homer, leading the Yankees over the Athletics.

Eduardo Nunez hit a two-run double and catcher Russell Martin(notes) was in the middle of everything for the Yankees.

### Angels 9, Orioles 3

At Baltimore, Tyler Chatwood allowed two runs in seven innings, Mike Trout and Torii Hunter(notes) homered in a five-run eighth, and the Angels beat the Orioles.

The Angels were protecting a 3-2 lead in the eighth before turning the game into a rout against reliever Mark Worrell. After Trout hit his first major league homer, a three-run drive, Hunter followed a walk to Maicer Izturis with a shot into the left-field seats.

### White Sox 4, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Edwin Jackson beat Cleveland for the ninth straight time after Indians rookie Ezequiel Carrera dropped an easy fly ball in center field to give the White Sox two runs in a victory.

Jackson (7-7) allowed one run and four hits over six innings to go to 9-1 in his career against Cleveland. He is 9-0 with a 2.61 ERA against the Indians since losing to them on Aug. 17, 2007, when he was with Tampa Bay.

### Rays 5, Royals 0

At Kansas City, Alex Cobb curbed the Royals on six singles in seven scoreless innings and Ben Zobrist had three hits and drove in two runs to help the Rays beat Kansas City.

Cobb (3-0) struck out two and walked none to pick up the victory and lowered his earned run average to 2.57. He has allowed one earned run in 13 innings in two starts since being recalled July 18.

### Tigers 5, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Rick Porcello cruised through six innings and the Tigers took advantage of Francisco Liriano's control problems in a win over the Twins.

Jhonny Peralta, Wilson Betemit, and Ramon Santiago each had an RBI, and the Tigers extended their lead in the AL Central to two games for the first time this season.

# Alomar, Blyleven, and Gillick enter Baseball HOF

**COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.** (AP)—Roberto Alomar stared at the adoring crowd and was nearly rendered speechless, the tawdry episode of his stellar career long since forgotten. Bert Blyleven was more composed but moved nonetheless as he stared at his 85-year-old mother and reminisced about his late father.

Both men were inducted on Sunday into the Baseball Hall of Fame along with front-office guru Pat Gillick.

Speaking first in his native Spanish, Alomar, the third Puerto Rican player to be enshrined, along with Orlando Cepeda and Roberto Clemente, said he felt proud to be a Puerto Rican.

"I always played for my island," Alomar said, dozens of Puerto Rican flags blowing in a gentle breeze on a sunny afternoon. "It is a true blessing to be able to share this moment with all of you. I have you in my heart. I am standing here today because of the fan support.

"To my family, to my fans, to all the Puerto Rican people ... and the game of baseball, you are and will always be my life and my love."

The switch-hitting Alomar won a record 10 Gold Gloves at second base, was a 12-time All-Star and a career .300 hitter. Full of baseball smarts and grace, he's also linked with one of the game's most forgettable moments - he spit on umpire John Hirschbeck during an argument in 1996.

The two have long since moved past that, and Hirschbeck was invited to come on Sunday. He had to decline because he's working a game in St. Louis.

Alomar, a member of the Toronto Blue Jays' World Series championship teams in 1992 and 1993, is the first player to enter the Hall of Fame wearing a Blue Jays cap and just the 20th second baseman to be inducted.

"I did not know how nervous I would be," said Alomar, who was bypassed in his first year of eligibility and on his second try was named on 90 percent of ballots cast, becoming the 26th player to garner at least 90 percent in any election. "Suddenly, I feel speechless."

Alomar also thanked his mom, his dad, Sandy Alomar Sr., who forged a 15-year major league career as an infielder, and his big brother, Sandy Jr., a catcher who played in the majors for two decades but was hampered by injuries.

"My mom is the most wonderful person in my life," Alomar said as he looked down at his mother, her teary face buried in a handkerchief. "She gave me love. She took me to the ballpark, even though I was a little boy running around, hanging around. Mom, thank you for everything that you have done for me. If I'm standing here today, it's because of you.

"And to my parents, thank you for teaching me how to be a humble person. That's what counts."

The governor of Puerto Rico, Luis Fortuno, took a moment to congratulate Alomar, saying that his induction "is an honor for all Puerto Ricans." He thanked Alomar for representing his Caribbean homeland well in the big leagues.

Blyleven, the first Dutch-born player to be enshrined, thanked his parents for the drive and determination he needed to succeed. Drafted by Minnesota in the third round of the 1969 amateur draft, he became the youngest pitcher in the majors when the Twins called him up June 2, 1970, after just 21 minor league starts.

Blyleven, whose amazing curveball frustrated batters in his 22-year career, finished with 287 wins, 3,701 strikeouts, 60 shutouts and a pair of World Series rings - in 1979 with the Pittsburgh Pirates and 1987 in his second stint with the Twins.

Still, his path toward the Hall was a slow, steep one - he drew the backing of only 14.1 percent one year - but on his 14th try became the first pure starting pitcher to get selected by the BBWAA since Nolan Ryan in 1999.

Blyleven's father, Joe, who died of Parkinson's in 2004, fell in love with baseball and the Dodgers after the family moved to Southern California in the late 1950s and built a mound in the backyard, the genesis of his son's Hall of Fame career.

"I wish he was here," said Blyleven, who in the past had regretted not being selected for the Hall while his father was still alive. "But you know, mom, I know he's up there looking down right now. Mommy, I love you."

Baseball has lost several giants of the game in recent years, and Blyleven remembered the ones that helped him along the way.

# Phelps off to losing start at World Championships

**SHANGHAI** (AP)—Michael Phelps got off to a losing start at the World Championships, and it wasn't his fault. He put his teammates in second place on the opening leg of the 4x100-meter freestyle relay. They just couldn't move up.

Phelps, kicking off the first of his seven events at the eight-day meet, led off a stunning bronze-medal showing in the relay Sunday at the Oriental Sports Center. It was the first time since 2007 that the American men lost a relay of any kind at worlds or the Olympics.

"It's frustrating," he said. "It's not how we want to start it."

They were upset by the Australians, who got an opening leg split of 47.49 seconds from James Magnussen and went on to win in 3 minutes, 11.00 seconds. He was joined by Matthew Targett, Matthew Abood and anchor Eamon Sullivan.

"We knew we weren't going to be in the mix on paper," Sullivan said. "We knew we had the experience and the young ones to surprise people."

France took the silver in 3:11.14 and the U.S. team of Phelps, Garrett Weber-Gale, Jason Lezak and Nathan Adrian earned the bronze in 3:11.96.

Weber-Gale swam the slowest of the Americans, with his 100 split timed in 48.33.

"I feel sick about it. It's a huge disappointment to get bronze," he said. "It's pretty embarrassing for me to go slow like that and it's disappointing to feel like it was my fault that we did poorly."

Lezak, the 35-year-old whose sizzling anchor leg at the Beijing Olympics preserved Phelps' successful bid for eight golds, swam the Americans' second-slowest split of 48.15.

"You can't go in and have two guys swim great and two guys swim average and expect to win," he said. "Unfortunately, I was one of the average ones."

The Americans were 2 1/2 seconds faster winning the gold at worlds in Rome two years ago.

"It's a good thing that it's not the Olympics," said Phelps, who swam 48.08 on his opening leg. "We have time to prepare and get ready and change some things."

Asked what needed changing, he replied, "Clearly need to be faster. That's the easiest thing."

Ryan Lochte, who swam in the morning heats, didn't return for the final. U.S. men's coach Eddie Reese defended the decision, saying, "He was third-best this morning."

"This wasn't a very good relay for us," Reese said. "Why? We call it human beings. We had splits that were not at all like we thought it would be."

The U.S. women's 4x100 free relay didn't win, either. Natalie Coughlin, 16-year-old rookie Missy Franklin, Jessica Hardy and Dana Vollmer claimed the silver after Vollmer was overtaken on the next-to-last lap by Femke Heemskerk of the Netherlands.

"I never like diving in and coming second," said Vollmer, who earlier set an American record of 56.47 as the fastest qualifier for Monday's 100 butterfly final. "The 100 fly felt so easy and this wasn't quite so easy."

The Dutch team of Inge Dekker, Ranomi Kromowidjojo, Marleen Veldhuis and Heemskerk defended their relay title in 3:33.96.

The Americans touched in 3:34.47, followed by Germany in 3:36.05.

In the other finals, Olympic champion Park Tae-hwan of South Korea showed he's back in top form by winning the 400 freestyle, while Italy's Federica Pellegrini took the women's race.

AP

Michael Phelps of the U.S. swims in his heat of the men's 200 meters Freestyle at the FINA 2011 Swimming World Championships in Shanghai, China, Monday, July 25, 2011.

Park regained the lead midway through and pulled away over the last two laps to win the gold in 3:42.04, a distant 1.20 seconds in front of silver medalist Sun Yang.

Two years ago, Park failed to make the final in Rome.

"I (was) glad to swim in lane one, which allowed me to fully concentrate on my own tempo and not to get distracted from the competition," he said.

Defending champion and world record holder Paul Biedermann of Germany settled for third, 2.10 seconds behind. American Peter Vanderkaay was fourth.

"I'm really pleased with this time," Biedermann said. "It's the best I could do at the moment. I felt pretty bad during the race. ... I saw Park and I thought, 'Well this guy is away, don't look at him anymore, look at silver or bronze.'"

In the women's race, Pellegrini was fifth at the midpoint before surging into the lead one lap later and cruising to victory in 4:01.97.

Olympic champion Rebecca Adlington took the silver in 4:04.01, while Camille Muffat of France earned the bronze in 4:04.06.

"I knew I could have a race like this and it went perfectly," Pellegrini said. "This gold is different from the one two years ago. I approach races differently now—I eat and sleep, I'm much calmer."

American Katie Hoff finished seventh in her first world meet since 2007.

"That little extra something special you need to win a race wasn't there," she said.

Cesar Cielo, the Brazilian cleared of doping by the Court of Arbitration for Sport three days ago, led the 50 free semifinals in 23.19, while 32-year-old Geoff Huegill of Australia was second to qualify for his first worlds final since 2003.

"I don't have any pressure or expectations on me," Huegill said. "The pressure is on the young guys to maintain their form and keep the old buggers at bay."

Alexander Dale Oen of Norway was fastest in the 100 breaststroke semifinals, maintaining his focus following the twin tragedies in his country that killed at least 93 people.

"Life is more than swimming," said Dale Oen, who grew teary-eyed when asked after morning heats about Friday's bombing in Oslo and shootings on a nearby island. "What's happening back home really puts things in perspective. It's been terrible. Terrible. The whole day has just been emotional."

Olympic champion Stephanie Rice of Australia led the 200 individual medley semifinals in 2:09.65, with defending champion and world record holder Arianna Kukors of the United States second. Ye Shiwen of China qualified third.

Olympic silver medalist Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe, who took last year off, failed to qualify in ninth.

## Nick Arison takes over as CEO of Heat

**MIAMI** (AP)—Nick Arison's first job with the Miami Heat was as a team attendant, 16 years ago.

His rise to atop the franchise is now complete.

The 30-year-old son of Heat owner Micky Arison is now the team's chief executive officer, a newly created position that gives him day-to-day control of the franchise. Nick Arison has been a limited partner in Miami's ownership group for several years; the move does not increase his stake in the club, but completes a long-expected move by his father.

Micky Arison remains the CEO of cruise company Carnival Corp. Nick Arison will report directly to his father, who will keep his spot with the NBA Board of Governors.

"This is something Nick has been working towards his whole life. He's more prepared for this job than I was at his age when I became CEO of Carnival," Micky Arison said in a release distributed by the team. "I have the utmost confidence that Nick will continue to lead the Heat as a model NBA franchise for many years to come."

Nick Arison's grandfather, Ted Arison, was one of the Heat founders. Micky Arison bought the team's controlling share in 1995.

"I'm very excited and thankful for this opportunity and look forward to a seamless transition in my new position," Nick Arison said.

Heat President Pat Riley will continue running the basketball side of the team, and Eric Woolworth will continue overseeing the Heat business operations.

Nick Arison has been the team's vice president of basketball operations since September 2008. He has worked in just about every aspect of the team's business through the years.

Riley said the move had been discussed in earnest for about a year.

"I have been working for the Arison family for 16 years," said Riley. "The Miami Heat is truly a family organization and that is what makes it a desirable franchise to work for. The Heat are the Arisons. Like his grandfather Ted and father Micky, Nick is an extraordinary, special young man and will serve the Heat in a highly professional manner as those men did. Congratulations to Nick. He has earned it."

Nick Arison was a student manager under Mike Krzyzewski at Duke for four years, and to this day their relationship remains close. Nick Arison also helped run USA Basketball's day-to-day operations at major events including the 2004 and 2008 Olympics along with the 2006 world championships.

# Vote on settlement not certain

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A vote on a settlement to the lockout is what every NFL fan wants. Nobody is sure when that might happen.

The players' executive committee will meet Monday in Washington after lawyers worked through the weekend on issues that are holding up an agreement with the owners. Several people with knowledge of the meeting have told The Associated Press that no vote to recommend a deal is certain Monday.

The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the players association has not revealed its plans.

Owners approved a tentative agreement to end the four-month lockout on Thursday. But the players said they need more information before they can vote, and took issue with portions of the proposal, including the lack of an opt-out clause. The players have suggested an opt-out after seven years of the 10-year agreement; owners opted out of the last collective bargaining agreement in 2008, eventually leading to the lockout that began March 12.

Several players only saw that full proposal late Saturday, and lawyers were working as late as Sunday evening on details.

Should the players' executive committee vote to accept the deal, it then would go to the 32 team representatives to approve, perhaps on Monday. After that, some 1,900 players would need to vote, with a simple majority required for passage, but the timing for that is uncertain.

The 10 named plaintiffs in the players' lawsuit against the league— including Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, and Drew Brees—must officially inform the court in Minneapolis of their approval of the pact, too.

Players also will need to vote to reestablish the NFLPA as a union; only after that happens could a full collective bargaining agreement be reached. But training camps and preseason games could occur while the sides put the finishing touches on a deal.

Only after the NFLPA is again a union can it negotiate such items as the league's personal conduct policy and drug testing.

But a person with knowledge of the executive committee meeting said it will be "to understand where things stand after this weekend's conversations. No talk of not voting, no talk of vote."

Team facilities would open two days after the executive committee authorizes the deal, which would be Wednesday if a vote comes Monday. Players then can get physicals, sign union cards, receive playbooks, and agents can negotiate or renegotiate contracts. No contracts could be signed, however, until Saturday, when camps would open if the NFLPA is back to being a union and the agreement is approved.

Teams also have not negotiated with their draft picks and have not signed undrafted free agents. With regular free agency going on concurrently, it will bring some frenzied times once an agreement has been ratified by both sides.

A solution to the four-month lockout, the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987, would come too late to save the Hall of Fame game on Aug. 7. It was canceled last Thursday by the league.

However, no other cancellations would be needed, and only a few teams would have delayed the start of training camp. Three of those clubs—the Ravens, Giants and Jets—decided to remain at their regular facilities rather than hold camp at a different site.

The preseason is scheduled to begin Aug. 11 with Seattle at San Diego. Super Bowl champion Green Bay is set to host New Orleans in the regular-season kickoff on Sept. 8.

The major economic framework for a 10-year deal was worked out a week ago. That included how the more than $9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided (about 53 percent to owners and 47 percent to players over the next decade; the old CBA resulted in nearly a 50-50 split); a per-club cap of about $120 million for salary and bonuses in 2011—and at least that in 2012 and 2013 — plus about $22 million in benefits; a salary system to rein in spending on first-round draft picks; and unrestricted free agency for most players after four seasons.

# O'Hair wins Canadian Open on 1st playoff hole

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia** (AP)—Sean O'Hair was too happy to end a miserable slump with a win at the Canadian Open to feel bad that it came at the expense of Kris Blanks.

O'Hair tapped in for bogey on the first playoff hole Sunday, and then watched Blanks lip out his bogey putt from just over 5 feet to earn the victory.

It was the fourth PGA Tour win for O'Hair, but his first since 2009 and his first top-15 during a season in which he had missed 10 of 17 cuts.

"I m sorry he missed the putt, but the fact I won knowing he missed it was just overwhelming," the 29-year-old O'Hair said. "It just was overwhelming."

That could also describe O'Hair's slump heading into this week. Coming off a frustratingly close missed cut at the British Open, and in the midst of his worst season on the PGA Tour, O'Hair "played horrific" in Wednesday's Pro-Am on the eve of the $5.2-million Canadian Open.

"Wednesday night was my worst point of the whole year," O'Hair said. "I was lost on Wednesday. To be sitting here, I just really appreciate this win."

O'Hair started three shots off the lead before shooting 68 to get into a playoff with Blanks (70) at 4-under 276. It was the second-highest winning total on the PGA Tour this season, and the first non-major without a bogey-free round since 2008.

Only eight players finished under par on the tree-lined Shaugnessy Golf and Country Club, so it was perhaps fitting it was won with a bogey. After a tough week, O'Hair didn't mind seeing Blanks miss, but felt his pain.

"He and I were kind of in a similar situation. We haven't been playing well," said O'Hair, whose $936,000 win was almost triple his 2011 earnings, and vaulted him 104 places in the FedEx Cup playoff standings to 43rd. "You root for guys like Kris. I was rooting for (John) Daly, as well."

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the ones of the recent past that have been dominated by a single rider—Lance Armstrong or Contador. At least seven riders could have won it with only a few days remaining.

Contador, who is fighting a legal battle to hold on to last year's victory after a positive drug test, faded away in the final stages and finished fifth.

On Sunday's largely ceremonial ride to Paris, Contador smiled and chatted with Evans, even patting the Australian on the back. Afterward, the three-time Tour champion said he told Evans "he was the strongest rider, and it's normal that he won."

Evans' final margin of victory over Andy Schleck was 1 minute, 34 seconds, but all of that was achieved in Saturday's time trial. Evans hadn't panicked when Andy Schleck had jumped ahead on the climb of the Galibier pass on Thursday and then took the overall lead in Friday's last mountain stage.

Evans' wife, Chiara, did. She was consumed with emotion—at times unable to bear the suspense when he needed to make up 57 seconds in the time trial to wrest the coveted yellow jersey from the younger Schleck brother.

"You don't want to know. I was really, really bad. Crying and everything, and calling everyone 'How many seconds?' " she said.

With his victory, she said, "I want to let the moment sink in. Cadel needs some rest. I need some rest too!"

He's only the third non-European to win the Tour since it started in 1903. American Greg LeMond broke the European domination in 1986, with the first of his three wins, and his fellow American Lance Armstrong won seven straight beginning in 1999.

The Tour was also notable for the hard work of Thomas Voeckler, who defied all predictions to wear the yellow jersey as race leader for 10 days, delighting the victory-starved French, and for the success of British rider Mark Cavendish, who captured five stages—including Sunday's final one—and won the green jersey of top sprinter.

In a race often marred in the past by doping allegations, only one rider has so far tested positive—Alexandr Kolobnev of Russia—although many of the doping tests done this year have yet to be analyzed. Contador's positive test last year only came out after the race finished.

Evans has never faced doping allegations, and his longtime coach Aldo Sassi was known to be opposed to doping. Some have suggested that may be why until now he hasn't been able to achieve his promise, though Evans won't discuss that possibility.

"When you look at the race, it's obvious that we don't have the same feeling like in the past, when riders were sometimes supermen," Michel Rieu, scientific adviser of the French anti-doping agency AFLD, told The Associated Press. "Most of the riders suffered a lot, you could see it on their faces, and they didn't give the impression of riding scooters instead of bikes."

When Evans crossed the line on Paris' most famed avenue Sunday, he was catapulted to global stardom.

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"We never gave up," Joyner said through an email from team official Carrie Schuler.

"There were a lot of things going on in my head. I felt very proud and happy," Joyner added when asked how he felt after putting the CNMI in the scoreboard.

Joyner's first goal off a cross from Jireh Yobech came after Macau took a 1-0 lead in the first half. Joyner's goal was the CNMI's first since joining a youth tournament in 2006.

By halftime with the game in a deadlock, emotions were high on the CNMI side and the Commonwealth youth strikers came out for the second half with more confidence.

Then with only three minutes gone by in the second half, Joyner found the back of the net anew to give the CNMI its second goal and first win in the EAFF competition. Credit half of the goal to Dakota Hall, who made a corner kick from the right side to set up another header for Joyner.

Parents of players and officials present at the memorable game cheered after Joyner's goal and the celebration continued, as the CNMI hung on to the lead to win the match, its first in four meetings against Macau.

Later, players and parents who remained on Saipan flooded Facebook with congratulatory messages for the victorious CNMI youth strikers. Even the EAFF staff, including president Chung Yun of Korea and general secretary Kim Joo Sung, and Chinese-Taipei Football Association president Chiou I-Jen congratulated the team and its officials for its achievement.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan also sent his greetings to the team.

"A big congratulations to our 18 U15 boys for their hard work. I also want to thank their parents for their support in many ways. Most of all, I would like to thank East Asia Football Federation for their continuing assistance and support to NMIFA. NMIFA will continue to do our best to develop football in the CNMI for youth, women, and men alike," Tan said.

Joining Joyner, Hall, and Yobech on the team are Jordan Butcher, Enrico del Rosario, Ethan Dickinson, Kenneth Domingo, Gregzon Fontanilla, Joel and Mason Fruit, , William Hinson II, Kennedy Izuka, Hunter Jewell, Andrew Johnson, Angelo Jones, Jake Lee, Sean Perez, and John Taisacan. Jershwin Angeles and Kiyoshi Sekiguchi coached the team, while NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas, Kentaro Imaya, and Schuler served as team officials.

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provide the right program for young golfers to accomplish cutting edge academics, world-class athletics, and most importantly a strong character tailored to prepare them for their next step in life both on and off the golf course.

Kim is hoping for at least 20 students for the upcoming spring to fall semester. It is still being determined whether the semester will start in January or March 2012. Total capacity for the school is about 45.

Enrolled students will be housed on the campus right on the golf course, but have been permitted to attend other U.S. preparatory education classes at Saipan International School. They will start their days taking general education classes in the classroom located at the doorstep of Laolao's driving range. Then after lunch, students will take part in a "Class A" interactive training program conducted by PGA instructors; students ranging from third to 12th grade are eligible. State of the art video analysis software will be used to evaluate their performance during the program.

"The new software takes video footage to the next level, much like an MRI compared to a standard X-Ray… it's sort of like using Doppler radar to document a host of information about each student," said Steinbauer.

Flightscope X-1 and V-1 Golf application software will be used to record the total distance, carrying distance, spin, speed, launch angels, and a predetermined "smash" factor as a club-fitting tool for the students.

Three full-size practice holes will also be constructed next to the driving range for students to obtain first hand experience in live settings. Learning Mandarin Chinese is also mandatory for all IGA students, however SIS will also offer fine and performing arts courses.

Kim said IGA is a great way to attract businesses from off-island.

"The luxury of the grounds at Laolao will surely provide an enjoyable educational experience for the young athletes. Coincidentally, Saipan is also a perfect venue for a private school golf program because of its strategic geographic location. We are located a reasonable distance from all major cities in the Pacific Rim and are very fortunate to have our top-level investors on board," said Kim.

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## PARTY

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three-round robin competition, Party Rockers clobbered Mix-A-Lot, 80-56. Party Rockers finished the regular season with an 8-1 record and gained the top seeding in tomorrow's single-elimination playoffs.

Mix-A-Lot fell to a 3-6 card and booked the third slot in the playoffs, beating the Lazy Buttsss in the tiebreak.

The Lazy Buttsss also had a 3-6 card, following a 65-62 triumph over Aye Par Battay in the second game, but the former dropped to fourth, as it lost to the Lazy Buttss twice in the regular season.

Aye Par Battay placed second with its 4-5 slate and will play Mix-A-Lot in the playoffs tomorrow. Party Rockets and the Lazy Buttsss will collide in the other playoff game and winners of tomorrow's matches will duel in the championship tiff on Friday.

Rachel Abrams played her best offensive game in the league against Mix-A-Lot, as she sizzled for 27 points. Jeralyn Castillo and Kaylani Lebria also broke into double figures with 20 and 14 markers, respectively

Abrams scored six of Party Rockers'first eight markers and went on to finish with 16 first-half points to give her team a 37-24 halftime advantage. Kayla Ito and Lebria added six markers apiece in Party Rockers' strong start.

Then in the second half, Castillo kicked off the game with back-to-back triples. She hit three more shots from downtown to lead Party Rockers' breakaway, while Abrams added 11.

Lalaine Pagarao fired 37 markers in the losing end and had only Madeleine Alegre and Chesca de Luna helping her out on offense with 15 and four markers, respectively.

In the second game, Ira Palero drilled 32 points, including six of the Lazy Buttsss' last 11 points to slip past Aye Par Battay. Elilai Pialug and Marie Javier also hit clutch shots with the former nailing a triple and the latter making a two-pointer.

The game was close for start to finish and the Lazy Buttsss prevailed in the end after drawing decisive baskets from its three key players.

### First Game

**Party Rockers 80** – Abrams 27, Castillo 20, Lebria 14, Ito 8, Gozon 2, Johnson 2.

**Mix-A-Lot 56** – Pagarao 37, Alegre 15, de Luna 4.

**Scoring by halves**: 37-24, 80-56.

### Second Game

**Lazy Buttss 65** – Palero 32, Javier 15, Pialug 5, Lizardo 4, David 2, Sapong 2, Mettao 2.

**Aye Par Battay 62** – Mendoza 22, Arboliras 13, M. Ito 11, Palero 7, Bartolo 4.

**Scoring by halves:** 27-26, 65-62.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 62 | 37 | .626 | – |
| New York | 59 | 40 | .596 | 3 |
| Tampa Bay | 53 | 47 | .530 | 9 1/2 |
| Toronto | 51 | 51 | .500 | 12 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 40 | 58 | .408 | 21 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 54 | 47 | .535 | – |
| Cleveland | 51 | 48 | .515 | 2 |
| Chicago | 49 | 51 | .490 | 4 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 47 | 54 | .465 | 7 |
| Kansas City | 42 | 59 | .416 | 12 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 58 | 44 | .569 | – |
| Los Angeles | 55 | 47 | .539 | 3 |
| Oakland | 44 | 57 | .436 | 13 1/2 |
| Seattle | 43 | 58 | .426 | 14 1/2 |

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 64 | 36 | .640 | – |
| Atlanta | 59 | 43 | .578 | 6 |
| New York | 50 | 51 | .495 | 14 1/2 |
| Washington | 49 | 52 | .485 | 15 1/2 |
| Florida | 49 | 53 | .480 | 16 |

**Central Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 52 | 47 | .525 | – |
| St. Louis | 53 | 48 | .525 | – |
| Milwaukee | 54 | 49 | .524 | – |
| Cincinnati | 50 | 51 | .495 | 3 |
| Chicago | 42 | 60 | .412 | 11 1/2 |
| Houston | 33 | 68 | .327 | 20 |

**West Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Francisco | 59 | 43 | .578 | – |
| Arizona | 55 | 47 | .539 | 4 |
| Colorado | 48 | 54 | .471 | 11 |
| Los Angeles | 45 | 56 | .446 | 13 1/2 |
| San Diego | 44 | 58 | .431 | 15 |

**Yesterday's Games**

Florida 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Philadelphia 5, San Diego 3
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 4, 10 innings
San Francisco 2, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 7, Colorado 0
L.A. Dodgers 3, Washington 1
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 5
L.A. Angels 9, Baltimore 3
Boston 12, Seattle 8
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 0
Detroit 5, Minnesota 2
Toronto 3, Texas 0

### CANADIAN OPEN SCORES

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia** (AP)–Final scores Sunday at the Canadian Open Scores, a $5.2 million PGA Tour event played at the par-70, 7,010-yard Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club (a-amateur):

**FINAL ROUND**

| | |
|---|---|
| x-Sean O'Hair (500), $936,00 | 69-73-66-68–276 |
| Kris Blanks (300), $561,600 | 67-71-69-69–276 |
| Andres Romero (190), $353,600 | 72-68-67-70–277 |
| Geoff Ogilvy (123), $228,800 | 70-68-70-70–278 |
| Adam Hadwin (0), $228,800 | 72-66-68-72–278 |
| Woody Austin (92), $174,200 | 68-75-68-68–279 |
| Scott Piercy (92), $174,200 | 70-70-70-69–279 |
| Bo Van Pelt (92), $174,200 | 68-72-65-74–279 |
| Charl Schwartzel (73), $140,400 | 71-67-73-69–280 |
| Spencer Levin (73), $140,400 | 73-66-72-69–280 |
| a-Patrick Cantlay | 72-71-68-69–280 |
| John Daly (73), $140,400 | 70-71-67-72–280 |
| Chez Reavie (57), $105,300 | 70-71-73-67–281 |
| Josh Teater (57), $105,300 | 74-67-73-67–281 |
| Cameron Tringale (57), $105,300 | 73-66-72-70–281 |
| Bud Cauley (0), $105,300 | 69-72-68-72–281 |
| Lee Janzen (52), $78,000 | 69-68-76-69–282 |
| Luke Donald (52), $78,000 | 70-73-72-67–282 |
| Ernie Els (52), $78,000 | 68-74-74-66–282 |
| Scott McCarron (52), $78,000 | 74-65-72-71–282 |
| Tommy Gainey (52), $78,000 | 77-65-70-70–282 |
| Greg Chalmers (46), $50,291 | 72-70-72-69–283 |
| Charlie Wi (46), $50,291 | 73-70-71-69–283 |
| Scott Stallings (46), $50,291 | 71-71-71-70–283 |
| Morgan Hoffmann (0), $50,291 | 70-70-73-70–283 |
| Rickie Fowler (46), $50,291 | 69-69-74-71–283 |
| Keegan Bradley (46), $50,291 | 70-70-70-73–283 |
| Chad Campbell (46), $50,291 | 69-67-74-73–283 |
| Ben Crane (42), $37,700 | 69-70-75-70–284 |
| Ryan Moore (42), $37,700 | 73-69-67-75–284 |
| Ben Martin (39), $33,800 | 68-74-72-71–285 |
| Matt McQuillan (39), $33,800 | 68-73-74-70–285 |
| Paul Stankowski (39), $33,800 | 72-70-70-73–285 |
| Kevin Streelman (35), $27,473 | 73-71-70-72–286 |
| Hunter Mahan (35), $27,473 | 70-72-73-71–286 |
| David Hearn (35), $27,473 | 70-68-74-74–286 |
| Michael Thompson (35), $27,473 | 70-66-74-76–286 |
| Jim Furyk (35), $27,473 | 74-70-72-70–286 |
| Jerry Kelly (35), $27,473 | 71-67-72-76–286 |
| Marc Turnesa (27), $18,741 | 71-71-73-72–287 |
| Colt Knost (27), $18,741 | 72-68-73-74–287 |
| Bill Lunde (27), $18,741 | 68-74-71-74–287 |
| Kevin Chappell (27), $18,741 | 73-70-72-72–287 |
| Lucas Glover (27), $18,741 | 69-70-73-75–287 |
| Chris Stroud (27), $18,741 | 73-71-71-72–287 |
| Kevin Stadler (27), $18,741 | 72-69-75-71–287 |
| Matt Bettencourt (27), $18,741 | 70-72-69-76–287 |
| Briny Baird (27), $18,741 | 72-71-74-70–287 |
| Shane Bertsch (27), $18,741 | 72-70-78-67–287 |
| Pat Perez (19), $12,705 | 74-69-71-74–288 |
| Jarrod Lyle (19), $12,705 | 72-67-75-74–288 |
| Chris DiMarco (19), $12,705 | 70-73-72-73–288 |
| Kevin Na (19), $12,705 | 69-72-75-72–288 |
| Peter Lonard (19), $12,705 | 73-70-73-72–288 |
| Aron Price (19), $12,705 | 68-71-69-80–288 |
| Paul Goydos (14), $11,856 | 68-69-75-77–289 |
| Joe Durant (14), $11,856 | 71-70-76-72–289 |
| Martin Piller (14), $11,856 | 71-72-75-71–289 |
| Brett Quigley (10), $11,388 | 68-74-72-76–290 |
| Kevin Kisner (10), $11,388 | 68-72-75-75–290 |
| Bio Kim (10), $11,388 | 75-67-74-74–290 |
| William McGirt (10), $11,388 | 74-69-73-74–290 |
| Brian Gay (10), $11,388 | 73-71-73-73–290 |
| David Mathis (10), $11,388 | 71-69-69-81–290 |
| D.J. Brigman (6), $11,024 | 70-74-75-72–291 |
| Alexandre Rocha (5), $10,920 | 76-68-72-76–292 |
| Steve Flesch (4), $10,816 | 72-68-76-77–293 |
| Jimmy Walker (2), $10,608 | 68-75-73-78–294 |
| Frank Lickliter II (2), $10,608 | 74-70-77-73–294 |
| Will MacKenzie (2), $10,608 | 74-69-79-72–294 |
| Justin Leonard (1), $10,348 | 73-70-75-77–295 |
| Brad Fritsch (0), $10,348 | 71-70-80-74–295 |
| Dustin Risdon (0), $10,192 | 75-69-76-77–297 |
| Chris Tidland (1), $10,036 | 77-67-79-76–299 |
| Fabian Gomez (1), $10,036 | 73-71-79-76–299 |
| Nathan Green (1), $9,880 | 70-74-78-78–300 |

x-won on first playoff hole

# SFA 27th International Fishing Tournament

**Photos By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND**

*My Lady Gora's* captain Jess Aldan, second from right, crew member John Castro, fourth from left, and their family members pose with the boat's 94.30-lb billfish.

*Madda Flyer's* captain Lino Tenorio, third left, and crewmates Juko Ishikawa, second left, and senator Luis Crisostimo, second right, pose with their 357.5-lb marlin.

From left, *Emmanuel's* George Arriola and Frank James of Guam show off their fruitful catch, which included the winning 27.30-lb mahi and third place 29.25-lb wahoo.

*Padre De Familia's* Calistro Reyes, right, and his mom Bernice pose with their 26.95-lb wahoo.

*Joker IV's* captain Mario Barit, right, shows off his skip jack and yellow fin.

*Saint Patrick's* Dadong Salinas, center, his sister Mimi Castro, left, and Delta Airline representative Esther Sound pose with the former's yellow fin and wahoo.

*Marianas'* Nick S. Muna, right, accompanied by Delta Airlines' Esther Sound, delights the crowd with his 31.40-lb wahoo.

*Bunita's* captain Mike Fleming, right, accompanied by Delta Airlines' Esther Sound pose with his third place 224-lb marlin.

Spectators scurry to snap photos as event organizers use a boom truck to tow out a 357.5-lb marlin from *Madda Flyer.*

*Da Atta Girl's* captain Sheldon Fernandez, left, and first mate Karrie Fernandez pose with their 84.45-lb billfish catch in Day 1 of the Saipan Fishermen Association's 27th International Fishing Tournament at Smiling Cove Marina.

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# Evans first Aussie to win Tour

By NAOMI KOPPEL
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Cadel Evans has been keeping fans back home up all night watching him become the first Australian to win the Tour de France. It's a victory that's been a long time coming.

Over the years, Evans has been better known for failing to live up to expectations than for overachieving.

He finished second in the 2007 Tour and was expected to win the next year, but was runner-up again. Last year, he was leading the race but crashed and fractured his left elbow. The pain was too much and he dropped out of contention in tears, ultimately finishing 50 minutes behind winner Alberto Contador.

AP

Cadel Evans of Australia, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, cycles with the pack on the Champs Elysees during the 21st stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 95 kilometers (59 miles) starting in Creteil and finishing in Paris, France, Sunday.

This time, persistence, planning—and a little good luck—paid off.

"I hope I brought a great deal of joy to my countrymen, my country," Evans said Sunday after climbing onto the winner's podium on the Champs-Elysees. "It's been a pleasure and an honor to fly the flag over here."

The 34-year-old Evans, the oldest champion since before World War II, stood on the podium wrapped in his national flag, his eyes tearing up as he listened to the Australian national anthem. He then embraced Andy and Frank Schleck.

The brothers from Luxembourg had pushed him all the way to the end, but were finally defeated by his solo strength in Saturday's race against the clock.

On the traditional Tour victory lap on Paris' Champs-Elysees, champagne in hand, Evans seemed to stop to celebrate with just about every fan bearing an Australian flag.

As he clambered into his BMC team bus, hundreds of people shouted praise, one yelling, "Cadel, we love you!" and others chanting "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie - Oy, Oy, Oy!"

This was a very different Tour from

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The Lazy Buttsss' Ira Palero, seen here dribbling out of the defense of a Mix-A-Lot player, scored 32 points in their 65-62 win over Aye Par Battay in the TSL women's league last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

## Party Rockers and Lazy Buttsss win

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Party Rockers and the Lazy Buttsss closed out the regular season of the 2011 TSL Women's Summer Basketball League with separates wins on Friday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the first game of the last day of the

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## CNMI strikers: We never gave up

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
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The CNMI's victory over Macau couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

The CNMI U15 National Team had a dismal 0-4 record in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament before its last game against Macau at the Taipei Municipal Stadium in Taiwan last Sunday. Then Jehn Joyner made twin headers to lift the Commonwealth to a 2-1 win, saving the CNMI from a disastrous stint in the youth competition.

In its first three appearances (2006, 2008, and 2010) in the EAFF youth tournament, the CNMI went home winless and failed to score a single goal. Then this year, the Commonwealth bowed to Chinese-Taipei, eventual champion Hong Kong, Korea, and Guam. However, despite dropping their first four games, the CNMI youth strikers kept on fighting for that elusive goal and win.

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CNMI goalie Gregzon Fontanilla catches the ball during their game against Hong Kong in the 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament at the YingFung Riverside Sports Park last week in Taipei, Taiwan.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

International Golf Academy director of instruction Mark Steinbauer explains how the V-1 Golf video analysis footage is used to compare a student's golf swing to the pros in last Friday's open house held at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

## Pros to lead golf academy at Laolao

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Pros Mark Steinbauer and Mancil Davis will lead the newly established International Golf Academy at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Steinbauer, who is one of the PGA's top 100 golf instructors and has worked with renowned PGA pro KJ Choi and eight-year pro Roland Thatcher, will serve as the director of instruction, but will only be making a fixed number of appearances throughout the course to monitor the program's progress.

Davis, the world-acclaimed "King of Aces" after holding PGA's world record for most official hole-in-ones with 51, will reside on island as lead instructor along with some members of the Mark Steinbauer Training Center in Woodland, Texas.

Steinbauer and Davis were present at the launching of the International Golf Academy on Friday, joining other key officials of the school. The list includes IGA president Tanya Kim and headmaster and managing director Gary Liddle.

The academy aims to guide and

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